

**GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE  
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
April 9, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Pierson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Present: Commissioner Verne M. Pierson, Commissioner Gerald W. Gustafson, Commissioner Robert E. Skaggs, Fire Chief Reggie Romines, Deputy Chief Gary Franz, Assistant Chief Tony Judd, Assistant Chief Ryan Baskett, Public Prevention Education Officer Myra Merdian-Drake, and Administrative Assistant Kathy Hale.

Absent: District Secretary Olivia Werner had an excused absence.

Commissioner Pierson led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the audience.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 26, 2007, were approved as written.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Letter from Baldwin Resource Group, Inc., explaining that Gordon and Darlene McIlvennie were leaving Baldwin Resource Group to start their own insurance company. McIlvennie Insurance will become our broker for VFIS.
- A thank you letter from a citizen thanking the staff who attended to her husband
- A Job Well Done from Chaplain Stol to BC Hannah, FF/PM Black , FF/PM Guthrie and the crew of Engine 2114.
- Letter from Fire Chief Ken Sharp of Lakewood Fire Department introducing himself as the new fire chief and informing the users that he will be looking into the current governance model for possible proposed changes to the Fire Comm Dispatch Center.
- Letter from the Attorney General's Office stating that they will give no opinion related to non-profit organizations as employers.
- Invitation from Local 2175, to their Annual Awards Banquet, May 11, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
- Meeting Notice from the Pierce County Council wherein by Resolution Graham's Fire Fighter Georgia Sanz Daniels will be recognized for being the Nation's Fastest Female Stairclimbing Fire Fighter.

**FINANCIALS:**

Vouchers #04056 and #04062 in the amount of \$28,802.99 (Construction Fund), #04001 through #04055, #04057 through #04061, and #04063 through #04078 in the amount of \$107,992.17 for a total of \$136,795.16 were presented for approval. **Commissioner Skaggs moved to accept the payables in the amount of \$136,795.16 after proper auditing. Commissioner Gustafson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.**

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION:  
Chief's Report**

Station No. 21-0. Chief Romines presented the Board with a letter from Robinson Noble Saltbush, Inc., Groundwater & Environmental Scientists, outlining their next recommended steps in the remediation process: test wells numbered eight and nine; demolish the building; remove the contaminated soils under the building; import soil to fill in the excavated area. The estimated cost is approximately \$150,000 if Robinson Noble was to handle the entire project.

Chief Romines stated that while the District was in no hurry, he was concerned that the Department of Ecology could change regulations again and we would be in the same position as now as far as needing to take further steps to get a "No Further Action Needed" certification.

Discussion was had regarding using the building as a training burn. Assistant Chief Judd talked about the logistics of trying to burn the building with it being so close to Meridian and the lack of water on site. Chief Romines recommended looking into bidding the building for salvage.

The Board directed staff to follow Robinson Noble's recommendation to have wells eight and nine tested as a first step.

**Commissioner Skaggs moved to direct staff to go out to bid to have Station 21-0 demolished for salvage. Commissioner Gustafson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Pierce County Council. Chief Romines explained that Fire Fighter Daniels is going to be recognized by the Pierce County Council, April 10, 2007, through Resolution for her achievement in capturing the women's division title for the tenth year in a row at the Scott Firefighter Stairclimb, followed two weeks later by winning the women's division in the Big Climb for Leukemia event. Outstanding job, Georgia!

EMS Levy Renewal. Chief Romines reminded the Board that the Primary Election is scheduled for August 21, 2007. The deadline for resolutions is May 29, 2007. Staff will be recommending that the Board approve renewing the Sic-Year EMS Levy in the August Primary.

Fire Fighter Appreciation Day. Chief Romines informed the Board that Fire Fighter Appreciation Day is June 2, 2007, hosted by and at LeMay's American Museum.

PPEO Report. Public Prevention Education Officer Myra Merdian-Drake conveyed that the Great Escape Contest concluded last week and thanked all for their support and help. She also reminded everyone that the Daffodil Parade is April 21, 2007. If you can, please come and help decorate on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chief Romines stated that Graham Engine One is having engine problems, and Meridian Hughes is looking into the problem. He does not believe it is reliable enough for use in the Daffodil Parade.

Assistant Chief Baskett stated that there is a break-in period needed for the rebuilt engine. He confirmed that Meridian Hughes is scheduled to look at it this Friday.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER/PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.**

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Verne M. Pierson, Commissioner

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Olivia H. Werner, District Secretary