



Pierce County Fire District 13

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**Minutes
Board of Fire Commissioners Dec 13, 2022**

Commissioner Malone called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM and led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call led by **Commissioner Malone** to confirm quorum has been met. Present for the meeting: **Commissioner Noll (zoom), Commissioner Zuluaga, Chief Wassall**

Members of the Public and Staff 4

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: Motion- A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve the meeting minutes for November 8, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Seconded Commissioner Noll
Passed (Unanimous)

Minutes: Motion- A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve the meeting minutes for November 15, 2022, Special Meeting.

Seconded Commissioner Noll
Passed (Unanimous)

Vouchers:

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve vouchers #17577-17626 in the amount of \$97,726.81 for Monthly Payables.

Seconded: Commissioner Noll
Passed (Unanimous)

Motion-A motion was made by **Commissioner Zuluaga** to approve vouchers #17627 in the amount of \$31,199.23 for Deposits.

Seconded: Commissioner Noll
Passed (Unanimous)

Correspondence:

Wishing a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from:
Emily Roberts, Dash Point Social and Improvement Club, Hentschel and Assoc, Galls.
Thank you from DPSIC for helping with Christmas Tree Lighting.
Thank You from BPIC for helping with setting up the Christmas Tree.
Thank You from Joan Sherman.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND/OR STANDING COMMITTEES:

Chiefs Report:

Calls: 15 total calls, 9 EMS calls, 1 MVA and 5 Service calls. 1 Turkey Trot

Staffing and Recruiting: We are in the middle of the holiday season and our staffing shows it. We have been spotty with the day shift coverage; Perla and I have been holding down the fort. We have completed CVA2022-02 and are testing them for their Fire Fighter 1 Certificate this week. We should put 9 of the 10 on the schedule shortly. Currently we have 13 persons looking for a spot in our next class. The plan is to start one in July or August.

Financial Report:

GL Trial Balance cash on hand:	\$479,622.45
Less 12-13-2022 expenses	-97,726.81
Deposits (not yet posted)	<u>\$0</u>
Remaining cash on hand:	\$381,895.64

Reserves: \$457,483.88

Training: We have our last drill for 2022 scheduled for tonight. It will be medical in nature. I will be the subject matter for the class, geriatrics. I may bring a cane if I can find one in the garage. Captain Fitzgerald and I will be sitting down very soon to work thru next year's training for fire. Pierce County has already outlined what areas we will cover on the medical side.

SS911: I have not been to any of the meetings. Emails, I have seen, indicate that they are still working on the single source for radio replacement. They are improving the Priority Dispatch software, as they identify, conflicts or omissions in the information going out to the field users.

Fleet Status: All District vehicles have been in for their annual service. We did not have any major repairs reported, just the nickel and dime stuff that can sometimes add up. I replaced the highway tires on my command vehicle and replaced them with the same all seasons tire we put on the others. The recent snow and predicted below freezing temperatures this week will make it possible to get to where we need to go. We will discuss BR76 cab and chassis.

Good of the Order: It has been a busy holiday season and we have been part of some of the community events. We helped raise the Christmas Tree at The Dash Point Pier. Not before we had to cut her down and assist in getting it to the pier. We brought Santa down to the pier for the tree lighting. We are starting this weekend the Santa Runs through Browns Point and Dash Point, Chief Rapozo has the schedule. We had our holiday potluck dinner with everyone and invited the recruit class to be part of the celebration. Gave everyone an opportunity to meet each other, Lisa made lasagna as the main dish, thank you as always no one complained.

MSO Report:

LT Johnson has offered to help with responsibilities while LT/MSO Dawson is out.

Commissioner(s) Report:

Commissioner Malone:

Thank you to Chief Wassall who was the guest speaker at the BPIC meeting on December 6, 2022. He was well received.

Big Thank you for the crew at PCFD#13 for helping to get the Christmas tree ready for the tree lighting and bonfire.

Commissioner Noll:

Where are we with staffing levels? Academy graduation on December 28, 2022.

Where have we with left off with Lexipol? Chief to follow-up.

New Mental health emergency number dial 988.

- Partner Lifeline toolkit is available which highlights messages on how to cope with stress and the importance of connecting with others.

Discussion on possible GEMT reimbursement changes and impact to our billing.

Recognize voter support on PCFD13 website. Message has been prepared to post.

Update several items on website.

Chief new contract to be sent out and will need signatures.

Commissioner Zuluaga:

See Old business.

Public Information Report-Presented by (position vacant)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. St. Matthew Geo-Technical Results:

Report prepared by GeoResources of Fife:

Vegetable product and undocumented fill soils found in top 7.5 to 15 feet. This material doesn't compress. Options sent for excavation/extraction and replacement.

Ground water a non-issue. Storm water cannot be handled via downspouts.

Geo-Technical report sent to Frank Lawhead.

Discussion needed with Lawhead on how to move forward with site.

Compare current location to new site at St Matthews.

Do we renovate current location? Lawhead report of Station 77 was not encouraging.

We need to be concerned of staying under 65% of remodeling Station 77.

2. Brush Truck Status:

Commissioners agreed with moving forward on Chassis replacement and outfitting with adequate gear.

Ford open window to purchase will close on 12.15.22. So we need to place order.

Reconfigured Brush Truck will fit in the bay at Station 76.

3. Lid Lift Certification:

1,800 registered voters in the district. 1,250 votes were cast or 70% turnout.

The 'Yes' votes were 63.52%. The fire lid lift will run through 2028.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2023 Revised Budget Resolutions:

No update as of meeting date.

2. Long Range Planning Focus:

What is our vision? We need to document various station configuration options. Involve community members in decision in long range planning (listening session). Building needs involve community changes and services. Estimates of costs for remodel and/or St Matthew site. Block building on St Matthews site. Special meeting in February to be determined.

3. Proposals of EMT Classes held at Station 77:

Retired Chief McCollum presented idea to have EMT classes at Station 77. Due to Community colleges and Bates back log to get into classes. 1 year wait. Would need to approach County and get approval to hold classes. Cost at Community college is \$2500.00 plus books for each student. PCFD#13 to fund 3-month class. This would help PCFD#13 to maintain staffing levels. Proposed classroom could be at St Matthew or at Sta 77. Zero equipment needed. Cost to PCFD#13 would be 15K for 16 students which is max. Less than 16 students is 13.6K. This includes 150 hours of instruction time thru testing. Two Instructors. No impact to Chief Wassall.

COMMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next regular meeting will be Tues., January 10, 2023, at 9:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Approved By:

Chairman Noll

Commissioner Malone

Commissioner Zuluaga

Fire Chief/District Secretary