

Fire District 16
Commissioners Work Session Minutes

Meeting Date- December 11, 2017
Meeting Place- 20 Bench Creek Road Aeneas Valley

Attendance-

Commissioners- Mike Woelke, Rick Baker, Bob Bauer
Fire Chief- Gene Jones, Treasurer- Glenna Jones
Secretary Ken Thompson was absent and Mike will be taking the minutes.

6:00 PM- Mike brought the meeting to order and discussed tonight's agenda. Mike made a motion to approve the November 13th minutes. Rick seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Glenna provided the November treasurer's report-

County Account

\$ 39,062.49 Balance at the beginning of the month
\$ 2,039.03 Bills paid
\$ 5,653.61 Income from taxes
\$ 42,677.07 Balance at the end of the month

Savings Account

\$ 25,285.24 Balance at the end of the month
\$ 21.72 Interest paid
\$ 25,306.96 Balance at the end of the month

Bills submitted this meeting for payment approval-

\$ 11,259.37

Glenna provided billing details for the commissioners to review. After review, Mike made a motion to approve payment of these bills. Bob seconded the motion. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve funding for these bills, which will be submitted to the County for payment via a voucher dated 12/11/2017. Year-to-date financial information can be viewed at http://aeneasvalleyfire.com/district_info/minutes_budget_info (then click on **Year to date financial info**).

Gene provided the fire chief's report-

- The fire district responded to one wildland fire and two medical calls last month.
- Gene renewed our mutual aid agreement with Okanogan County and related agencies.

Old Business-

- Mike reported there is no update on our training room upgrade.
- A discussion was resumed on compensating the chief for expenses incurred in the use of his private vehicle for fire district responses and other necessary trips. Several suggestions were made and Gene supplied some data on his POV use for district business for 2 years. Mike will take this and put together a formula for compensation using this data. Results will be presented at the next meeting and will be further refined if necessary.

New business-

- Mike suggested amending our policy on who is eligible to be enshrined on our Firefighter Memorial Plaque. After some discussion it was agreed that exceptions could be made to the “must be an active district member at time of death” rule. The candidate would have to be proposed by a commissioner or chief and voted upon by the group.
- Based upon the above mentioned change Mike proposed that Scott Webb be added to the plaque, based upon the fact that Scott was forced to withdraw from the department due to his illness and would most likely have still been an active member had his disease not overtaken him. The group voted unanimously to include Scott on our plaque.
- Mike thanked the following people for their service: Bob Bauer for his service as Commissioner (Jan 2015 – Dec 2017), Ken Thompson and Glenna Jones for their invaluable service this year as secretary and treasurer respectively, and Gene Jones for the excellent job he has done so far (Nov 2014 – present) as fire chief.

There were no public comments.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 8th, 2018 at 6:00 PM at 20 Bench Creek Road Aeneas Valley. At this meeting our newly elected Commissioner, Denise Binnie, will be sworn in to replace Bob and begin her 6 year term.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike and seconded by Bob.

6:55 PM- The meeting was adjourned.

Chairperson

Commissioner

Commissioner