

Spokane County Fire District #5
November 24, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jim Ryan, Sheri Rhoads and Todd Lehman

District Administrator: Carol Harrington

Guests: see attached sign in sheet

Time Meeting Began: 7:02p.m.

- **Flag Salute**
- **The minutes from the October 27, 2008 Regular Meeting and the November 3, 2008 Special Meeting were reviewed. Sheri motioned to approve both sets of minutes as presented, Todd seconded and they both passed unanimously.**
- **The treasury report was reviewed.** Carol read the report aloud.
- **The November bills** were reviewed. The expenses were approved for \$10,811.15.

Correspondence: I have had several calls from residents thanking the fire crew, secretary and board for the savings they have recently received on their homeowner's insurance policy due to the new insurance class rating! Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency: Changes to Outdoor Burning Regs – each commissioner and Chief have a copy of this letter. Since we already have an approved burn permit program set up for our district, this will not affect us in any significant way. Snure Seminars: Wonderful World of Employment in Jan. Since Carol and Jim have already been to a similar seminar previously with Snure, the board felt it was not necessary to send anyone.

- **Administrators Report:** When would the board like the next meeting to occur? Spokane County Auditor's office requires December vouchers be turned in no later than December 19, 2008. We need to have our meeting before then. **The board set the next meeting for December 15, 2008 at 7p.m.**
- **Fire Chief's Report: Kjell**
 - **Personnel:** N/A
 - **Training:** Drill and Regular training went well this month.
 - **Stations:** He has called Brian Belsby of Belsby Engineering regarding Station 53 site. He and Todd need to go in to Brian's office and meet with him to discuss plans. Todd said he could go with Kjell some afternoon.
 - **Equipment:** All vehicles in the stations have been winterized. The new light bars we received on a grant are now on the Command Rig and Attack 51. Thank you Ron and Ted.
 - **Other:** N/A

Old Business:

1. **Smoke Alarm Grant:** Kjell is trying to get the last three residences scheduled shortly.
2. **EMS Lid Lift/Levy:** There is no new information at this time to discuss. Jim said not too many levies passed for fire districts at the last election. He discussed the 1% rate and thought we could try going up \$1.20/\$1,000 for several years. He could talk to Connie Kline, Levy Specialist for the county, regarding more ideas. Sheri asked if there was anything we could be doing right now. Jim said no, the next deadline is fall of 2009. We need to increase our reserves and just concentrate on that. Sheri asked if we could look into 1, 2, 3, or 6 year levies. We are in the planning stage right now and we need to plan on what we want to save for. Jim reviewed the 2009 Election dates. The general is August 11, 2009 if we wanted to do a Lid Lift. We need to look at less than \$1.50. It would either be primary or general. We need to keep it on the agenda each month.
3. **Station 53 Well:** Kjell covered in Chief's report.

New Business:

1. **District Administrator Yearly Review:** Do this last.

2. **2009 Levy Certification:** Carol read both the Ordinance and Certification aloud. **Sheri made the motion to accept the 2008-04 Resolution and Certification as submitted** for \$90,700 which is \$883 increase from last year. Todd seconded and all passed unanimously.

An executive session was called by Jim for review of an employee's performance. Regular meeting out at 7:39p.m. to reconvene at 7:50p.m.

Executive session began at 7:40p.m and ended at 7:50p.m.

Regular session reconvened at 7:50p.m.

Public Concerns: There were none.

There was no other business.

The next regular meeting will be December 15, 2008 at 7:00p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:51p.m.

Spokane County Fire District 5 Chairman

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Attest: Spokane County Fire District 5 District Administrator

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