

**Spokane County Fire District #5  
December 15, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Sheri Rhoads and Todd Lehman. Jim absent due to family member in hospital.

**District Administrator:** Carol Harrington

**Guests:** see attached sign in sheet

**Time Meeting Began:** 7:02p.m.

- **Flag Salute**
- **The minutes from the November 24, 2008 Regular Meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously as presented.**
- **The treasury report was reviewed.** Carol read the report aloud.
- **The December bills** were reviewed and read aloud by Todd. The expenses were approved unanimously for \$8,029.66.
- **Correspondence:** Carol read a Thank You card aloud from Dusty and Sheri Rhoads for the Get Well card and flowers the district sent regarding Dusty.
- **Administrators Report:** Carol will be mailing out a short questionnaire to the volunteers and the board soon regarding the Annual Awards Banquet for 2008.
- **Fire Chief's Report: Kjell absent, no report was given.**
- **Old Business:**
  1. **Smoke Alarm Grant:** Ron said the team had installed alarms in a couple more homes and also had received several more applications.
  2. **EMS Lid Lift/Levy:** The board had nothing to report and thought it should be moved to the January meeting when Jim could be present.
  3. **Station 53 Well:** Todd said he thought Kjell was going to talk to Brian Belsby of Belsby Engineering but has not heard from Kjell. Move to January meeting.
- **New Business:**
  1. **Discuss/Approve 2009 Budget:** Move to January agenda when Jim can be present.

**Public Concerns:**

1. **Gary Pietz:** When is the Medic 51 going to be put back into service? Carol said that though the reimbursement check from the insurance company had been received and deposited, she did not receive an EMS supply order from the EMS Lt's until one week ago. The supplies are on order and should come soon.
2. **Patty Bonner:** The board keeps talking about ways to save money but have they really looked at the fuel logs? Also the number of personnel that we have fitted and trained, how many of those volunteers are still on the roster? Many of those that are still on the roster are not responding and do not attend most of the training meetings. The district policy states that volunteers have to attend at least 75% of training for the year. The BVFF has passed a 10% response requirement; not all volunteers are meeting that. These are your statistics I got from public records requests; I'm not making this up. **Todd** said we will have to talk to Kjell as that is his responsibility to see the percentages are met. **Patty** said the fuel use is ridiculous. You went from using 200-300 gal/yr to 1,400-1,600 gal per year. In 2007 more fuel was taken out than was put in the tanks. How does that happen? **Sheri** said she is sure it is the volunteers just forgetting to log in something. **Ron** said that the increased fuel use is a good thing because we are getting the trucks out for training and the volunteers trained to drive them. **Patty** replied what good does it do if they are trained but not responding to calls or attending training? If they aren't going to participate, get rid of them. **Todd** said that is Kjell's job to review participation yearly. He asked Patty if he could get copies of the paperwork she had regarding stats. She gave them to Carol to copy; Carol made copies for each commissioner.
3. **Debi Davis:** The request was denied to keep road names on call records for public request. Carol shared that she spoke with Roger Ferris, the Secretary for the WA State Fire Commissioner Assoc., and he said no, it was not a good idea considering our rural area as anyone may be able to figure out who the individual(s) were in an emergency. Discussion followed regarding how the news broadcast street names regularly regarding emergencies. The board would like Carol to call Roger again to look into it further. Carol will do so.

There was no other business. The next regular meeting will be January 26, 2009 at 7:00p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:36p.m.

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Spokane County Fire District5 Chairman

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*Attest:* Spokane County Fire District 5 District Administrator