

MCFD#12 COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

For JUNE 5, 2024

Call to Order - Chairperson Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, June 5, 2024. This meeting was held in person and via Mason WebTV. Also present were Commissioner Persell, and Chief Brown.

Flag Salute

The minutes were distributed, and a MOTION was made by Commissioner Persell and SECONDED by Commissioner Young to approve the minutes from the May 25, 2024, Emergency Meeting and the May 29, 2024, Special Meeting. Motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.

Commissioner Comments –

Commissioner Young

- Read RCW 42.30.010 about the requirements of Board transparency to the public.
- The Board has been invited by Central Mason Fire District to their July 11 meeting at 6 pm.
- West Mason Fire District has also invited the Board to their meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday at 4 pm.
- Stated that the MCFD12 website was taken down and we no longer have access to the site. She announced the locations that official postings would be made pending the establishment of a new website. Those locations include Mason WebTV, and the Facebook page “Matlock Uncensored”.
- Asked for public patience while the district reorganizes.
- Thank you to all the new MCFD12 volunteers who are taking part in the CERT Training for Emergency Responders.

Commissioner Persell

- Read a personal statement about his reasons for being on the new MCFD12 Commission

Open Public Comment - Three citizens thanked the Board and the Community for stepping up to help the district and for the Board’s new level of transparency.

Fire Chief’s Report – Chief Brown

- The Asbestos investigation at Station 1 has been completed and a report will be sent this Friday.
- The US Fire & Equipment Co. has begun evaluation of the fire apparatus and equipment. So far there is only 1 engine and 1 ambulance that runs. They will focus first on station 1 and then continue to station 4 in their evaluation.
- Thanked the West Mason Chiefs for their generous support of MCFD12.
- There is a lot to do including getting the PPE cleaned and inspected.
- He regained control of the mailbox with new keys for it. He had to have new keys made to replace keys that were never returned for the Command Vehicle, 2 ambulances and 1 tender. He reported these thefts to law enforcement. When the district regained control of the station, it was found that there were no phones, no computers, radios or flashlights. Everything was gone so we are starting over from scratch.
- Chief Brown also said that the new emergency response team was helping immensely.

- He and Commissioner Young have sent a letter to the Insurance company trying to get an emergency policy. Once insurance is obtained, we will begin training with West Mason Fire District.
- Thanked all the responders and Mason County Auditor Steve Duenkel, who lives in Belfair for taking part in the CERT Training.

Unfinished Business

Applications for Commissioner Position No. 2 pursuant to RCW 42.12.080 will be open until June 7th. Applications were available at the meeting and would be including the applications already received through Mason County.

New Business

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Persell and SECONDED by Commissioner Young to authorize the Chief to enter into a contract with Mason WebTV for videography and sound system services. The motion was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Persell and SECONDED by Commissioner Young to accept the Commissioner Stipend for both commissioners for one meeting per month only. All other meeting stipends would be waived for both commissioners. Motion was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Young and SECONDED by Commissioner Persell to require two Commissioner signatures, the Administrative Assistant signature, and also the Fire Chief Signature on all voucher requests sent to the county for financial expenditures. Both commissioners felt that this higher level of accountability was needed considering the lack of transparency by prior boards. The motion was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Young and SECONDED by Commissioner Persell that the Board, without waiving the attorney-client privilege, direct former legal counsel to the district to provide all records of Mason County Fire District 12 to the new legal counsel to the district, Eric T. Quinn, P.S. This motion is needed to legally transfer all prior MCFD12 District legal records from the former attorney Brian Snure to the new attorney Eric Quinn. The motion was approved UNANIMOUSLY.

Good of the Order

- Commissioner Young mentioned the need for help to the Vessey/Woods family because of a recent house fire.
- Kim Hogan reported on the medical emergency suffered by the Scott Dewey Family when his wife Jackie suffered a recent heart attack and announced that a fund had been set up at Our Community Credit Union for those wishing to donate.
- Commissioner Young asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mike Bateman, MMK School Board President and MCFD12 supporter who had recently passed unexpectedly.
- Dale Hudson thanked the Commissioners for their service.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm. The next meeting will be on June 19th at 6 pm at the Matlock Grange.