



MINUTES
Chelan Fire and Rescue
Special Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
232 East Wapato, Chelan, WA



Commissioners in attendance: Phil Moller, Tom Peters and Russ Jones

Staff in attendance: Fire Chief Timothy Lemon, Deputy Chief Mark Donnell, Assistant Chief Brandon Asher and District Secretary Carol Kibler.

Others in attendance: See sign in sheet.

Call to order: Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and announced the flag salute.

Unfinished Business:

- **Citizens Task Force Report Presentation**

Consultant Bob Merritt gave a brief introduction and explained the process the Citizen's Task Force took.

Citizen Task Force Member Nan Bolomey introduced the Citizen Task Force members: Mandi Dawson, John Gordon, Jimmy Martin, Corin Polley, Steven Palmbush, Bob Sheehan, Arturo Zavala, Kirk McGovern and Rachelle Goldie. John Gordon, Kirk McGovern and Rachelle Goldie were not in attendance.

Citizen Task Force Member Nan Bolomey stated Chelan Fire and Rescue task force found the fire district is currently meeting the level of service expected by the residents and businesses of the Chelan community. Overall, the citizens feel that the fire department is doing a "good job" and would like the fire district to maintain its current level of service.

Each task force member presented a summary of findings: Administrative, Finances, Facilities, Emergency services delivery, Response performance and staffing.

Chairman Jones thanked the Citizen Task Force for their time. He asked the Citizen Task Force what the criteria was for the community survey. Stating there was no bias opinions to improve services.

Commissioner Peters noted the fire districts revenue is derived by property tax and a 1% increase annually. He wanted to know if the task force understood the implications of continuing the current services without an increase in property tax to keep the six SAFER Grant Firefighters who are currently fund by a FEMA SAFER grant.

Citizen Task Force Member Jimmy Martin stated the Citizen Task Force members didn't have enough financial information and were not qualified to make a recommendation on the financial part for the fire district.

Citizen Task Force member Nan Bolomey stated they were not charged with coming up with a financial recommendation, that is the responsibility of the Commissioners to make those determinations.



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Consultant Bob Merritt stated a vast majority of the citizens interviewed had never used the fire districts emergency services. By large, the Citizen Task Force received a flavor of folks throughout the community. No one was negative about the fire department. The Citizen Task Force looked at the current services provided.

Commissioner Peters asked the Citizen Task Force members if they were willing to recommend keeping the six firefighters. Citizen Task Force member Bob Sheehan noted the group was not tasked with that specific item.

Citizen Task Force member Coron Polley noted the fire district is doing a great job and the community citizens aren't interested in paying more in taxes.

Commissioner Moller asked what the criteria was for asking the citizens the questions. Citizen Task Force member Nan Bolomey noted it was random and a variety of people were questioned.

Chairman Jones invited the Citizen Task Force members to stop by his office for coffee stating he would like to hear more on their findings.

Commissioner Peters noted the recommendations given by the task force are positive. Commissioner Peters noted he reads the recommendations as a tax increase.


Citizen Task Force Members Coron Polley and Bob Sheehan disagreed with Commissioner Peters. And noted the Citizen Task Force did not recommended raising taxes, the decision is up to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

A final report from the Citizen Task Force will be forthcoming.

Fire Chief Tim Lemon thanked the Citizen Task Force for their hard work.

Adjournment: There was no more business before the Board of Commissioner the special meeting closed at 7:15 p.m.

Chelan County Fire District 7 Commissioners:



Russ Jones, Chairman



Phil Moller, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Carol A. Kibler, District Secretary