



MINUTES
Chelan Fire and Rescue
Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 3:00 P.M.
232 East Wapato, Chelan, WA



The CFR Board of Commissioners will conduct the meeting in person at the fire station; you are welcome to join via Zoom. The public is welcome to join by following this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87284665516> Meeting ID: 872 8466 5516 or dial +1 253 215 8782

Proposed Chelan Fire and Rescue agenda pending Board approval.

Flag Salute

Roll Call: Commissioners Phil Moller, Russ Jones, and Karyl Oules

Regular Meeting Call to Order: Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 1500

Approve Agenda: MOTION was made to approve the agenda as submitted the MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Mark Donnell – announced his candidacy for fire commissioner.

Consent Agenda: MOTION was made to approve the consent agenda as submitted. The MOTION CARRIED

- Revenue and Expenditure Report: March 2023
- Payroll: February 21, 2023, to March 27, 2023 / Paid 04-05-2023; Benefits \$72,548.24, Wages \$79,362.91 for a total of \$157,704.45
- General Account Vouchers: 03-17-2023 Transaction #282 to 308 for \$16,722.15; 03-31-2023 Transactions #331 to 346 for \$17,936.96.
- Capital Account Vouchers: 03-18-2023 Transaction #309 to 314 for \$3,812.46.
- Minutes: March 8 and 23, 2023

Fire Chief Report: (Chief Asher)

2023 Budget & Financials:

- March financials are looking very good.

Emergency Response Reports:

- The March Incident Response Report shows 77 calls for emergency service, with our 10-year average call volume for March at 61 calls. 57% increase over last March.
- For the first quarter of 2023, our call volume is up 29%. In the long-range plan, I estimated a 6% increase for 2023.
- Rescue/EMS responses accounted for 76% of total calls for service, with 27% of that non-transport (including patients who died at the scene) or patient-transported POV. Increase
- Major incidents for March:
- March turnout and response times (primary apparatus at Station 71) are within established service delivery goals as set out in SOG 010.
- Effective Work Force: Effective workforce was acceptable for call types. We've had so staff stations lately due to multiple calls at once.
- Total fire loss for March is 0

Administration:

- It's Volunteer Appreciation Week. Thank you for all you do in serving our community.
- The newsletter is completed. It looks great and should be showing up in mailboxes any day.
- Chief Asher's presentation on the fire department to the City of Chelan went well. Commissioner Jones was in attendance. It allowed me to show our staffing challenges, the demographics of our community, and how important it is for us to work together, which allowed us to obtain the WSRB rating of 5.
- Chief Asher met with Chief Baker, it was a positive meeting, and we discussed future training opportunities and Chelan 5's succession plan.
- We will be switching our ERS system to ESO. The ESO program will improve our record-keeping, tracking incidents, and inventory.



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- TIF - (Tax Increment Financing) This is a significant program that the City of Chelan is considering. Chief Asher sent a PPT to everyone with TIF information and encouraged everyone to attend the City Council meeting. Commissioner Jones attended. The fire district may have no say in whether the City does it, but we will eventually show an increase in call volume. Per the RCW, when this increase occurs, the fire district can show the increase in calls on our annual report, and the City should negotiate the impact on the fire district. The TIF is a new taxing program with minimal direction. We'll include our attorney Eric Quinn once we have a definite answer if the City is even open to negotiating. I'll schedule a meeting with the City of Chelan for further discussion.
- Commissioner Jones proposed drafting a letter to City Council and WA State Treasurer asking the City to re-do the meeting. Commissioner Jones stated information and projections of the taxation presented at the meeting were incorrect. The message from the presenter of the meeting was the Fire District, and EMS would have no negative impact. Commissioner Jones estimates 8.8 million dollars would go to the City to pay the twenty-five-year bond debt. Commissioner Jones stated the revenues generated would not efficiently pay the debt during the 20-25 years.
- Chief Asher stated the TIF allows a negotiation piece based on call volume.
- Commissioner Jones stated this is a corporate benefit plan for the developer, and the City needs a new, upgraded water supply.
- Staff will draft the letter for the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Operations:

- We hired four seasonal firefighters. They started Monday, April 17, 2023—the floater Wyatt Dietrich, A-Shift Houston Stodghill, B-Shift Chris Colbert, and C-Shift Greg Simpson.
- Chief Asher has been working on Policy and Procedure development for the Central Washington Hazmat Team. All technicians have been trained, and the new equipment is being placed on the apparatus. We are working with 911 dispatch procedures throughout the two dispatch centers (Chelan/Douglas and Okanogan).
- The City of Chelan is working on its emergency response plans for trench and confined space incidents. Chief Asher will be assisting them in creating their updates.
- We will start the Fire Life and Safety Inspections (FLSI) throughout the City, as we know we have staff to do the inspection.
- Recently we had one of our career Firefighters injure his elbow. As a result, we have assigned him to lite duty starting next week.
- The crews have confirmed Washington Creek water supply tanks for the wildfire season.
- Chief Asher added that the fracking water supply tanks are being placed, and one is located at HWY97A and Stayman Flats. Chief Asher will get a better update on the fracking water supply tank at next week's county chief's meeting.

Community Risk Reduction:

- We have been putting seasonal safety tips on our reader board and FB.
- We attended Earth Day, and it was a successful event.
- Karla Mendoza and Chief Asher participated in the CORE meeting over the weekend.
- The City approved the fire alarm ordinance at the same meeting I presented information about the fire department. Fines will range from \$100 to \$500, depending on the occurrence.
- The crew helped Campbells replace the flag on their building.

Apparatus Status:

- Chief Asher reported we successfully obtained the DNR phase 3 grant for a remote turrent. It's \$6,300 with a \$700 match by the district. We will be placing the turrent on R71.



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- Chief Asher reported we will use the remaining \$7,000 from the 2022 DNR Phase 2 grant funds to purchase a 500-gallon tank that will also go on R71.
- T74 is getting a corroded pipe fixed by Barnes Welding. We should be getting it back reasonably soon.
- Mechanic Goyne is taking apart the pump on E75, and he received help from the volunteers. Parts will be ordered soon.
- We have filled out the proper forms with the Department of Licensing for the tax exemption on Diesel Fuel. As a result, we should see significant cost savings in fuel.
- We may see a 3-month delay in one of the new spartan engines. The first spartan engine is still on track.

Stations:

- Chief Asher reported the station 71 flooring punch list was completed last week.
- Chief Asher reported we found the blueprints for Station 71 and will schedule a meeting with the local citizen (Robb Duff) who inquired about drafting the Station 71 expansion concept.
- We have our updated quote on chip sealing the back parking lot. It has gone up \$2,000 from the September 2022 quote. We're double-checking to make sure no new companies have started to get another quote. The estimated cost is \$23,400 for the chip seal.
- Station 71 generator update; We're waiting for the installation quote for the in-station and out-of-station generators that would power the building. Then insurance will have the total cost of replacement for what is existing.
Chief Asher is waiting for a reply from Chelan PUD on generator options. Chief Asher contacted DNR, and they don't have any generator big enough to run the whole station.
- Chief Asher reported he is in the review of Station 71 possible exhaust system. Chief Asher found a diesel exhaust system that is installed under the truck. The system will work all of the time. We budgeted the hose exhaust system for \$125,000. We can outfit eight diesel systems for \$100,000. As we shift trucks around, they will offer the same protection. The designs are removal able, and we can exchange the system at a discounted price.

Assistant Fire Chief Report (Asst. Chief Sherman)

Recruitment

- 3 Members nearing completion of fire academy in Wenatchee

Retention

- No loss of membership. Mike Boyle is returning to volunteer.

Events

- PXT Academy \$20,000 training event (28 Students from across the state, including five from CFR). Special Thanks to Probationary Firefighter Kyle Byrne for assistance in organizing the event. Sixteen hours of in-depth training 5 of our staff went through the training.
- HAZMAT Technicians Captain Rains & FF/EMT Keene attended.
- Live Fire Training Burn this Saturday – invited Entiat and the U.S. Forest Service.

Stipend Coverage

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- **Training**
- 2 Members going through National Fire Academy Incident Safety Officer Course in Wenatchee
- Captain Adam Jones & Probationary firefighter Will Steady are working on plans for S-212 & S-215 classes.
- Probationary Firefighters are progressing well through the probation process. Each member showcases skills and abilities that will benefit our agency.

Firefighters Association Report (Ron Simmons)

President Ron Simmons reported the association had its first meeting of the year. They discussed revamping of the bylaws, the organization as a whole, and how it will work in the future. In addition, the association had its first event Earth Day. Thank you who participated. We are getting in the swing of things. We have a list of events that will take place we are preparing for.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- Disposal of Documents
- **MOTION was made to Approve the Document of Disposal. The MOTION CARRIED.**
- Resolution 2023-03: Sole Source - Apparatus Exhaust Removal System
- **MOTION was made to APPROVE the Sole source resolution 2023-03 as submitted the MOTION Carried.**

Special Events:

- KOZI – Community Connection Thursday, April 20, 2023, @ 8:10 a.m. – Fire Chief Asher and Commissioner Jones
- Saturday, April 15, 2023 - Earth Day – Riverwalk Park
- April 28, 29, and 30, 2023 Pickleball Tournament
- April 29, 2023 - Windermere – SHREDDING Event
- April 15, 2023 – CAFÉ wildfire Ready Event 11-1530
- May 13, 2023 - Apple Blossom parade in Manson. We will have a truck in it.

Board for Volunteer Firefighters: None

Public Comment:

Richard Ulhorn stated he thinks the fire district should come up with the pros and cons regarding the TIF.

Commissioner Comments:

Chairman Moller would like to see the career firefighter learn Spanish and make it available to the department.

Executive Session: none

Adjournment: There was no more business before the Board of Commissioner's meeting closed at 16:06.



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Chairman, Phil Moller

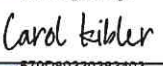
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Attest: Carol Kibler, District Secretary