

**WESTERN EMERGENCY SERVICE AREA
PO BOX 350
72440 MILO FRITZ AVENUE
ANCHOR POINT, AK 99556-0350
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY EVENING, July 13, 2022
18:30 HOURS**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Dawson Slaughter called the meeting to order at 18:34 hours.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chief, Jon Marsh led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Dawson Slaughter, Seat B; Kathryn Lopeman, Seat C; Katherine Covey, Seat D; Janice Nofziger, Seat E

Staff Members Present: Jon Marsh, Chief; Cassie Parkinson, FF Tech/ Acting Secretary; Robert Dash, Training Captain/56 hour

Absent: Cherie Richter, Seat A; David Bear, Assistant Chief; Rob Mathis, Deputy Chief

Visitors: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Discussion: none

 K Covey / **J Nofziger** moved and seconded to approve the Agenda as written.

 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES, Regular Board Meeting, May 11, 2022.

Discussion: None

 K Covey / **J Nofziger** moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting as written.

 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENTS UPON MATTERS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA

Comments:

No Public Comments.

REPORTS

A. Chief's Report ~ Jon Marsh, Chief: (see attached)

Key Points:

Not much to report.

Training: All classes have been completed. No new training scheduled for the summer.

Previous 12 Month Billing collection rate is at 77%. Collection is at 276,977.71 total charges for the year, 155,039.18 in payments with pending charges of 75,871.82.

2022 Calls for Assistance: 286 total, with 114 calls since last meeting.

Board Chair, Dawson Slaughter asked about the final FY22 amounts. He noted that the Admin Fee was showing as not paid for FY22. Chief explained that Finance will input a journal entry to remove the funds. Also, the minor fire coding has an extra 21K showing. It looks like this amount was a reimbursement from the Safer Grant for turnouts purchased during the Fiscal Year. The final budget looks good. It looks like roughly \$140,000 will be going back into the fund balance.

B. SREMSC / KPESI Report ~ Ryon Turley:

Absent, No report.

PENDING BUSINESS & FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST MEETING

A. Purchase of adjoining parcels of land to Station 3:

There are four parcels of land surrounding Station 3. The parcel to the west (left side of station) is 72478 Milo Fritz Ave. The Parcel to the east (right side of station) is 72405 Clutts Ave. The two adjoining parcels located directly behind the station are 72470 Clutts Ave and 72485 Rose Ave.

The original estimate from Land Management was \$300,000.00. This was based on Borough assessed values. The actual, independent appraisal came in at \$674,400.00 for all four properties combined.

The appraisal for 72478 Milo Fritz came in at \$74,400.00, the owner wanted \$75,000. The deal was negotiated.

The appraisals for the other three parcels came in at \$600,000.00. The owner initially wanted \$150,000.00 over the appraisal amount, which is 25%. Land Management negotiated an agreement for 10% over the appraisal which totals \$660,000.00 for all three properties.

The total cost to the Service Area for the purchase of all four parcels will be \$735,000.00. The Service Area will be paying roughly \$100,000.00 annually for this purchase. The purchase process is moving forward.

The Borough Departments working on this project want to ensure the Service Area Board is in agreement and in support of moving forward.

 K Covey / **J Nofziger** moved and seconded to support and recommend the purchase of these properties for the amount of \$735,000.00.

 4 Yes, **0** No, **1** Absent Motion Passed

B. Station 4 (Nikolaevsk) Plumbing/Heating Repairs: The plumbing and heating repairs for Station 4 have been completed and paid in FY 22.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DHSS Sponsorship Funding:

This is sponsorship from the Department of Homeland Security and the State of Alaska, pass through funds from the Center for Disease Control for technology to combat opioid and alcohol addiction. We applied for this grant and we were awarded \$15,000.00 to purchase smart boards for training purposes for Station 3 and Station 1.

The funds have already been received and an Ordinance is being drafted to accept the funding on behalf of WES.

 K Covey / **J Nofziger** moved and seconded to recommend acceptance and appropriation of grant funds received from the Center for Disease Control, on behalf of Western Emergency Services, for the purchase of smart boards.

 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent Motion Passed

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

Expense Report
Chief’s Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BOARD COMMENTS

Seat A; Vice Chair, Cherie Richter: none

Seat B; Chair, Dawson Slaughter: none

Seat C; Kathryn Lopeman: none.

Seat D; Katherine Covey: none.

Seat E; Janice Nofziger: none.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Discussion: There was discussion of the need for an August meeting. We have ended last Fiscal Year and are beginning the new Fiscal Year. Historically there is little to no business to attend to during this timeframe. Board members decided to cancel the August 10th meeting, as there is no new business at this time. If a business matter comes up, the meeting will be called and convened.

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 will be the next regularly scheduled meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman, Dawson Slaughter adjourned the meeting at 18:49.

Dawson Slaughter, Board Chair

09/14/2022
Date Approved

Cassie Parkinson, Acting Secretary WES Board

09/14/2022
Date Approved