



SITKA POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 22, 2022
Centennial Hall – 5:30 PM



Regular Meeting Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Present: Loyd Platson, Gail Roderick, Leslie Young, Gregg Olson and James Mellema

City Staff: Chief Warren, Lt Achee and Exc. Assistant Serena Wild

B. AGENDA CHANGES/CORRESPONDENCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – May 25, 2022

Motion: M-Roderick/S-Platson to approve the May 25, 2022 minutes.

Action: Motion passed by unanimous consent.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

E. PARKING CITATION HEARING BOARD

1. Nicole Filipek – came forward, appeal was denied.
2. Nicholas Saylor – submitted a written appeal, appeal was denied.

F. REPORTS

1. Lt – the investigation into the Crescent Harbor fire resulted in four juveniles being charged with arson. One officer retired on medical that was not work related. Will have one recruit attending the Academy in July.
2. Chief Warren – centralizing dispatch has gone well. The PD will be dispatching for all public safety related calls at the FD, as well as continuing to dispatch PD, including EMS, fire and Dive Team. The Mud Bay Repeater Project bids came back high and working on securing more funding before awarding. Public Works helped the FD burn approximately 20 years of expired flares. FD will be working on a new flare turn in program and try to dispose of them yearly. Calls are still up for the year, with four EMS calls at the same time recently.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Snow Removal
Merrill Rice, with Department of Transportation, shared how and when DOT clears the highway of snow. They also have the responsibility of keeping the airport runway clear and that does take priority. DOT only has snowplows, no snow removal vehicles.

Harry Greene, Public Works Maintenance and Operations Superintendent, shared how the City clears the city streets on snowy days. PW is working on a new snow removal plan as there isn't anywhere for the snow to go when it is just plowed and not removed.

The general consensus was that more equipment would be needed to remove the snow from Sitka roadways, not just plowed to the side, and that would be a large expense. Education of the public on where to dispose of snow from private property is also key.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Strategic Plan Presentation and Outreach

Melissa Henshaw, CBS Public and Government Affairs Director, presented the Strategic Plan to the Commission and asked questions of them.

I. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

J. NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Next meeting: **Wednesday, July 27, 2022 @ Harrigan Centennial Hall**

Agenda items:

K. ADJOURNMENT

Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:57 PM.