

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3

REGULAR MEETING - BAYVIEW STATION

July 13, 2000 - 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

In Attendance:

Chairman Mike Helland
Commissioner Bill Benjamin
Commissioner Bob Elliot

Guests:

Faye Elliot, BC Les Hagstrom, Don Elliot, Jerry Beck and
Matt Johnson, South Whidbey Record

- I. Call to Order - Chairman Helland called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
- II. Approval of Agenda - Commissioner Benjamin moved to approve the agenda as printed; motion carried.
- III. Public Input - No public input.
- IV. Consent Agenda - All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of Island County Fire District #3's Board of Commissioners for reading and study. They are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion of the Commissioners with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request.
 - A. Approval of Minutes
 1. June 2-4, 2000
 2. June 8, 2000
 3. June 28, 2000
 - B. Report of Correspondences
 - C. Finance Officer's Report
 - D. Monthly Vouchers -
 1. Payroll - June 1-15, 2000 \$8,749.18
 2. IRS Wire Transfer - \$2,667.04
 3. Payroll - June 16-30, 2000 \$7,993.71
 4. IRS Wire Transfers - \$2,958.19
 5. Vouchers - \$93,674.90
 - E. Chief's Report

With the correction of a typo Commissioner Elliot moved to approve the Consent Agenda as printed: motion carried.

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Saratoga Station Project - During the excavation for the drain ponds the soil showed more clay than may be acceptable. With the approval of the County, the primary and secondary containment ponds will be switched and a soils engineer will be on site for the excavation.

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Color decisions need to be made and a meeting is being arranged with Fran Able and neighbors for their input in the decision. The Board agreed to leave the final decision of the color scheme to the Chair.

Chairman Helland requested the Board entertain a motion for a change order to add a shower to the Saratoga Station. Commissioner Benjamin so moved; after a short discussion the motion was carried.

For the sake of communication the Chief queried the Board if they wanted copies of all transmittals from the architect. The Chair felt that an hour meeting once a week for debriefing will suffice.

- B. Land Acquisition - An offer, with some caveats, has been made and accepted of \$132,000.00 for the lot and structure at 6428 Humphrey Road. The Chief recommended the Board accept the terms of the agreement and transfer \$135,000 from Replacement Fund Account 308-00-03 Station into Capital Outlay Account 522-61-00 in the 2000 Budget. Commissioner Benjamin so moved and to accept and sign the sales agreement; motion carried. Chief Smith will get the paperwork for the earnest funds ready and the money into escrow as soon as possible with the goal of closing August 1st. A special meeting will be called for the closing.

There is a renter in the house as the present time and a motion was made to have Chief Smith act as agent to work with the renter as to details in vacating the premises; Motion carried.

- C. Goals 2000 Revisited - In the spirit of the new revised Goals for 2000 the Chief requested the Board's approval to offer 4 stipend positions to volunteers. The District needs a director for the High School Firefighter Program, an EMS Coordinator, a Special Services Coordinator, and a Duty Chief compensation. The Board encouraged the Chief to move forward on writing job descriptions etc. for the proposed 2001 Budget.
- D. Freeland Station - From the feedback during the 2000 Goal Review Special Meeting Chief Smith has started exploring options in station relocations. This includes District Offices and training facilities in a centralized location rather than the Freeland Station. The Board selected a committee which includes Stations 31 and 34 Commanders, Commissioner Benjamin and the Chief to continue exploring the needs and location of the new Freeland Station.

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VI. New Business

- A. Island County Tax Assessor, Tom Baenen - A meeting was requested by Tax Assessor Tom Baenen with Chief Smith and the City of Langley to discuss the change in the plans for resolution of the taxing error for the City of Langley.
- B. Public Feedback & Survey - Chief Smith will bring a possible Public Survey/Information brochure to the Board by the next meeting.
- C. Membership Approval (Ron Short) - Upon Chief Smith's recommendation Commissioner Elliot moved to approve the membership of Ron Short; motion carried.

VII. Announcements -

Chief Smith -

Ken Starkweather's wife recovering well after her cerebral hemorrhage. She has been released from the hospital much sooner than expected.

Support Services is working on an assistance fund for Steve Holibonich who lost all his possessions in a recent structure fire.

The Position on the State Board is put on hold until next year.

Chairman Helland reminded the Board of the Officers' meeting Saturday and the Island County Fair is just around the Corner.

VIII. Varia -

Commissioner Elliot - Attended a live burn demonstration using the new foam system. He was impressed and feels foam is this way in the future. There will be another demonstration in the near future.

Commissioner Benjamin inquired about Engine 34. Capt. Don Elliot reported it's still baffling everyone as to what is causing the noise and the weight distribution problem has not been resolved yet. H&W nor Freightliner are taking ownership of the problems.

Chief Smith - Stated the District is close to being in compliance with NFPA 1720. Copies are available.

IX. Executive session - Commissioner Helland recessed the meeting into a 5 minute executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

X. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

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Paula Schuler
District Secretary