

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3

REGULAR MEETING

5535 Cameron Road, Freeland, Washington

February 9, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

In Attendance:

Chairman Mike Helland
Commissioner Bob Elliot
Commissioner Dennis Webster
Chief Dan Stout

Guests: Matt Czarnik, Gary Gabelein, and Les Hagstrom

- I. Call to Order - Chairman Helland called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
- II. Approval of Agenda - Commissioner Elliot moved to approve the Agenda as printed; motion carried.
- III. Public Input - Nil Report.
- IV. So. Whidbey Volunteer FF & EMS - Lt. Czarnik reported the association agreed with the Board and will pay the mileage expenses accrued on the 2 present medical claims. In the future the association will entertain reimbursements on a case by case basis.
- V. 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. January 12, 2006 Regular Meeting
 2. January 21, 2006 Special Meeting
 - B. Finance Officer's Reports
 - C. Monthly Vouchers -
 1. Payroll January 1-31, 2006 \$46,769.63
 2. Voided and rewritten Ck# 641105-6
 3. January 2006 Warrants - \$94,390.89
 - D. Chief's Report
 - E. Resolution 2006-2 Surplusing EquipmentCommissioner Elliot moved to approved the Consent Agenda as printed; motion carried.
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - A. Langley Property -
 1. Chief Stout distributed the eleven architect SOQs to the Board for their review in mid January.

Chief Stout polled the board on their choice of the top 4 candidates. After discussion the following firms were selected (in alphabetical order) Carletti Architects, Lawhead Architects, Lewis Architecture and Interior Design, and Rice Fergus Miller Architecture and Planning. All candidates will be notified by mail of their standing with the top four invited to interviews the afternoon of March 2, 2006.

2. Upon acquiring the Camano Avenue property the District also acquired a small older building of no use to the District with tenants. The tenants have been given the appropriate notices to vacate. Commissioner Helland moved to authorize the Chief to dispose of the unusable structure on the Camano property, to the Districts advantage if possible; motion carried.
3. Chief Stout has spoken with Ms. Rose at Island Transit and she reported the funding from the state is still imminent hopefully to be received by May 2006.

B. Strategic Plan/Goals and Objectives - Chief Stout reminded the Board of the next Strategic Plan/Goal meeting February 25, 2006 9:00am.

C. 2006 Budget - The Board discussed the newly published 2006 levy rate of \$.74. It is possibly one of the lowest rates in the state. Chairman Helland expressed his enthusiasm for how remarkable and exceptional the District's quality of service is to the tax payers for the rate they pay and its all due to the volunteers.

Resolution 2006-3 Closing 2005 Budget will be ready for signature at the March 9, 2006 Regular Meeting.

VII. New Business -

- A. Annual Policy Review - 1st Reading revising
1. Personnel Policies 4.20 Volunteer Reimbursement
 2. Personnel Policies 4.13 Salaries and Benefits
- Commissioner Webster moved to approve the 1st reading on the above mentioned policy revisions; motion carried.

VIII. Announcements - Secretary Schuler will be out of the office February 16-21, 2006.

IX. Varia - Chief Stout addressed the following subjects:

- The current legislative bulletin distributed by the State Fire Chiefs Association reported on the bills before the legislature include a proposed change to

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the levy lid lifts terms and a law exempting certain governmental agencies from sales tax.

- The February 4, 2006, Wind Storm created 91 calls in 24 hours. Excessive high winds (gusts to 90 MPH) brought trees and electrical wires down, and with the combination of the high wind and a 14 foot tide there was sever flooding along the shorelines. Communications were greatly hampered with cell phone services failing and ICOM overloaded. Command was set up at Station 31 and volunteers stoodby at each station for 10 hours doing reconnaissance, giving aid, blocking roads, and relaying messages to command. Chairman Helland, speaking for the Board, expressed their deep appreciation for the dedication and sacrifices made by the District's volunteers. Job very well done!!

X. Executive Session - No Executive Session

XI. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned 8:25pm.

Paula Schuler
District Secretary