

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3

REGULAR MEETING - BAYVIEW

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1990 - 7:00 P.M.

In attendance: Ken McClellan, Commissioner
Tom Saunders, Commissioner
Gary Gabelein, Commissioner
Bruce Klassen, Chief
Paul Busch, AC/TO
Mel Grimm, Lieutenant
Steve Dalbey, Fire fighter
Mike Negrete, Fire fighter

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Commissioner Gabelein.

The minutes of the December 12, 1989 meeting and January 2, 1990 were read by Commissioner Gabelein.

The minutes of the December 12, 1989 meeting were corrected to read "The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.", opposed to 9:55 p.m. as written.

Commissioner McClellan made a motion to accept as read and corrected the minutes of the previous two meetings. Commissioner Saunders seconded the motion; the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

VISITORS COMMENTS

1. Steve Dalbey inquired regarding the possibility of installing warning lights at the intersection of Kramer Rd. and Hwy. 525 due to the fact that motorists rarely slow down or give right of way to the fire trucks, in spite of sirens and flashing lights on the vehicles.

Commissioner Saunders made a motion that a letter be written to the Department of Transportation seeking resolution to this hazardous situation and advising them of:

- a) The potential dangers;
- b) The need to protect the public;
- c) The need to protect fire district personnel;
- d) The need to protect fire district equipment/apparatus;
- e) The increase in population and traffic;
- f) The several "near-miss" situations that have already occurred.

Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion; the motion carried.

2. Mike Negrete voiced an opinion regarding the upcoming decision regarding the purchase of jumpsuits. He cautioned that the decision be made in consideration of the potential "polarization" issue sometimes existing between the EMTs and the Fire Fighters. Steve Dalbey echoed the concern.

Chief Klassen responded by recapping the last Officers Meeting in November where the discussion regarding purchase of jumpsuits had been initiated; the officers were directed to poll the members of their stations regarding several different purchases, including jumpsuits. The response from the officers will be presented at the January officers meeting. Chief Klassen displayed two types of suits being considered for purchase.

Chief Klassen offered a reminder of the process within the district available for fire fighters to express their concerns and opinions.

REPORTS

A. CHIEF'S REPORT

1. The Chief's Report was submitted, and is herewith attached as Exhibit A. Chief Klassen made one correction to the report: The Sno-Isle Fire Commissioners Dinner will be held at Blueberry Hill Restaurant on January 18th, not the 25th as stated.

2. Relative to the WSRB grading summary, Commissioner McClellan offered congratulations and praises on behalf of the entire board to the fire fighters and staff for receiving such commendable ratings. He further directed that a letter be composed and posted stating the same.

B. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

1. Commissioner Gabelein reported the following:
 - a. There had been a meeting regarding I-COM in Coupeville on January 8, 1990; he reported on the positions of The City of Oak Harbor and Whidbey General Hospital;
 - b. He had been elected to the Board of the Sno-Isle Fire Commissioners;
 - c. There would be a Sno-Isle Fire Commissioners banquet on February 10 in Everett, honoring new officers;
 - d. He wishes to address the volunteer reimbursement of the ICFD#3 fire fighters being raised.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Saunders made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 90-01 regarding the High School Fire Fighter Program, as presented (see Exhibit B). Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion; the motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the limit of five students at any given time being allowed as members of the district. There was also discussion regarding the possibility of a "permission"(?) slip being provided to each student by the officer in command as they leave the scene of a fire, indicating accountability to the school.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Saunders made a motion to appoint Commissioner McClellan as the chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the 1990 business year. Commissioner Gabelein seconded the motion; the motion carried.
2. Commissioner Saunders made a motion to approve vouchers 4617 - 4670, inclusive; Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion; the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:53 p.m., Commissioner Saunders made a motion to retire to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion; the motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Saunders and seconded by Commissioner McClellan to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m.; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. Samuelson
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Secretary, Island County
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Approved:

Gary Gabelein

Gary Gabelein, Chairman

Ken McClellan, Commissioner

Tom Saunders

Tom Saunders, Commissioner

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