

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.3

REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 1986

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Byron Worland. Also present were Gary Gabelein, Kenneth McClellan, Bruce Klassen and Hazel Dodsworth.

Visitors present: Mrs. Byron Worland

Nomination of Chairman: Byron Worland made a motion, which was seconded and carried, to nominate Gary Gabelein as Chairman.

Byron Worland made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting of January 14, 1986, as written. Ken McClellan seconded the motion, motion carried.

Correspondence: Correspondence from Island County Fire District No.2 regarding information on "Enhanced 911", and a proposed meeting on "address" problems was put before the commissioners for their perusal.

Saratoga Water District: As expressed at several meetings during the past year when addressing the problem of inferior water flow at the Saratoga Fire Station, the Board was of the opinion that the Fire Station is in desperate need of a much improved water system. In view of the fact that negotiations with the Water District had reached an impasse - mostly due to billing procedure, tariff laws, etc., the commissioners of Island County Fire District No.3 felt that it would be expedient to go ahead with the work required to improve the flow at that location (as outlined in the Chief's Reports to the Commissioners of December and January).

Accordingly, Byron Worland made a motion to have the District authorize Saratoga Water to proceed with the work needed to improve the flow. The motion was seconded and carried. Although I.C.F.D. #3 will pay the installation costs, the District retains its position that Saratoga Water Company is rightfully responsible for such costs.

Chairman Gabelein proposed that the agreement between District No.3 and the Saratoga Water Company include a clause stipulating that though Fire District will pay for the labor involved, it should receive a 50% reimbursement if anyone else "plugs in" to the water at a later date.

Firemen's Pension Payment: After a brief discussion the commissioners suggested to Chief Klassen that the District adopt Pete Spiller's suggestion to cover pension payments for volunteer firemen. It was generally concluded that a definite procedure for the future would be worked out before next year's premiums became due.

DNR : (Re: DNR's contract with fire district). The Chief's second Report to the Commissioners on the subject matter pointed out that the DNR was interested primarily in establishing a trial situation with the District, and that re-negotiation and reassessment could take place after a years trial. The Board, however, unanimously felt that they could not proceed with the contract at this

time. Gary Gabelein was supported in his view that the Board should wait until the DNR approached the Fire District with a more viable plan. Ken McClellan was emphatic in his view that the opinions and feelings of the volunteer firemen on the matter should be sought before any further steps were taken.

Kenneth McClellan made a motion to table the issue until we receive more information and until the DNR approaches the Fire District with a more acceptable proposal. Additionally, he moved that the Board get some indication from the volunteers themselves as to their feelings on the matter. Byron seconded the motion, motion carried.

#### GENERAL MAINTENANCE - TO BE DONE THIS YEAR

Clinton: Seepage and roof leaks to be checked. Tower to be sheet-rocked. South wall only to be painted.

Bush Point: Recheck for leaks.

Maxwelton: Paint exterior.

Freeland: Patch and take care of floors.

Saratoga: Improve water flow through Saratoga Water District, as outlined.

Bayview: New shelving, new furniture, etc., as previously discussed. Gary Gabelein specifically requested that the bathrooms be equipped with all facilities.

Pickup Truck: Delivery of the Assistant Chief's pickup is scheduled for April 15th or before.

Water Rescue: In regard to communication with the Fire Chiefs Association, Bruce Klassen explained that the Coast Guard would like to see the Sheriff's Office as the central coordinating agency on Whidbey Island in handling water rescues when the Coast Guard is called in.

The Chief further explained that the president of the ICFCA had indicated they would like to send a letter of concurrence to the C.G. showing a vote had been taken and that each district approved that approach.

Byron Worland made a motion stating that Fire District 3 concurred with the other fire districts in regard to the Coast Guard's recommendations. Kenneth McClellan seconded the motion, motion carried.

Byron Worland made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Ken McClellan seconded the motion; motion carried.

New Volunteers: Byron Worland made a motion to approve the new volunteer firemen, William Stolcis and Douglas Shields. Gary Gabelein seconded the motion, motion carried.

Gary Gabelein requested that the meeting adjourn into executive session. Byron Worland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. into executive session. Kenneth McClellan seconded the motion, motion carried.

Executive session concluded at 8:30 p.m., at which time Gary Gabelein moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Peter Dochow", written over a horizontal line.

Bayview