

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3
REGULAR MEETING - BAYVIEW STATION

June 10, 1999

MINUTES

In attendance:

Chairman Bruce Bell
Commissioner Bill Benjamin
Commissioner Mike Helland
Chief Don Smith

- I. Call to Order - Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.
- II. Approval of Agenda - Commissioner Benjamin moved to accept 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. May 13, 1999
 2. May 19, 1999
 3. June 4-June 6, 1999
 - B. Report of Correspondences
 - C. Finance Officer's Report
 - D. Monthly Vouchers -
 - Payroll - May 1-15, 1999 \$7,795.46
 - IRS Wire Transfer - \$2,750.19
 - Payroll - May 16-31, 1999 \$7,776.28
 - IRS Wire Transfers - \$2,736.34
 - Monthly Vouchers - April Vouchers - \$21,367.16
 - E. Chief's Report

Commissioner Benjamin moved to accept the Consent Agenda as printed; motion carried.
- V. Unfinished Business
 - A. Saratoga Station Project - The Chief reported the County has reconsidered the requirement of flashing warning lights on Saratoga Road. The lights will not

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be required to begin the project but may be required if actual sight distances are obstructed by vegetation. The permit should be forthcoming unless more unforeseen problems surface.

- B. Freeland Station Project - The Board discussed the timing of building the Freeland Station. The Board agreed to postpone further development of the Freeland Station until the architect's performance building the Saratoga station could be evaluated.
- C. Reimburse Volunteer Medical Expenses/Discussion/Second Reading - Second Reading approved.
- D. Commissioners Policies/Discussion/First Reading - Commissioner Benjamin moved to accept the first reading of the revised Commissioners Policies; motion carried.
- E. Washington Surveying & Rating Bureau - The Rating Bureau will be in the District and start their examination July 6, 1999. The information the Bureau requested prior to their arrival was delivered to them last week.

VI. New Business

- A. Langley Annexation - City of Langley Mayor Lloyd Furman spoke with the Board regarding the City's request for a possible annexation to Fire District #3. Both parties agreed to continue the dialogue regarding the annexation while researching the possibility and conditions.
- B. Confirmation of New Members - Commissioner Helland moved to accept the 1999 Academy Graduates Chris Blasko, Gregory Chapdelaine, Michael Delmonte, Jeremy Hines, Brian Kelly, Logan McInerney, Heather Mead, Christopher Messina, Marc West, and EMT Class Graduate Linda Cotton as active volunteers of Island County Fire District #3; motion carried.
- C. Fire Marshall (Bill Benjamin) - The Board requested the Chief to draft a letter to the County Commissioners requesting a greater effort put into building inspections, particularly fire inspections in commercial buildings. Subject of the letter would emphasize the need for stronger enforcement of fire codes for the safety of fire fighters.
- D. Additional Commissioners Meetings - The Board moved to

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implement a second meeting each month to improve communications and business. The next meeting will be June 23, 1999, at 6:00 P.M.

VII. Announcements -

Commissioner Helland announced he would be off Island several weekends during the summer.

Chief Smith will be at the Washington State Association of Fire Chief's Conference in Ocean Shores June 23rd through June 27th.

VIII. Varia -

Commissioner Benjamin expressed the Board's regrets at Ms. Karen Miltenberger's resignation from Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Service.

The Board questioned the Chief on his decision to purchase a new digital phone system. The Chief clarified his decision.

Commissioner Helland requested a study to see if upgrading the District's volunteer pagers might be practical.

Chairman Bell expressed his concerns about a recent marine call. Chief Smith reassured the Board that corrective measures have been taken.

Chairman Bell requested a report reviewing the Whidbey 7 program.

The Board requested a Budget review focusing on the District's 5 year plan using \$3 million for the new Freeland Station as a factor.

IX. Executive session - At 9:05 P.M. Chairman Bell recessed the meeting into Executive session for 30 minutes to discuss the Chief's mid year evaluation.

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

Paula Schuler
District Secretary