

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3
REGULAR MEETING
5535 Cameron Road, Freeland, Washington
February 11, 2010 – 5:30 P.M.
Minutes

In Attendance:

Chairman Kenon Simmons
Commissioner Bob Elliot
Commissioner Mike Helland
Chief Rusty Palmer

Audience: Jerry Beck, Jon Beck, Paul Busch, Gary Gabelein, and Don Mason

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
- II. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Elliot moved to approve the Agenda as printed; motion carried.
- III. Public Input - Nil
- IV. So. Whidbey Volunteer FF & EMS – Captain Jerry Beck, representing the Association, report the results of the Associations recent elections. Lt. Kevin Craig- President, FF Don Elliot-Vice-President, and Captain Jerry Beck-Secretary with Lt. Ken Starkweather remaining as treasurer.
- 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. Regular Meeting January 14, 2010
 2. January 26, 2010 Special Meeting
 3. January 30, 2010 Special Meeting
 - B. Finance Officer's Reports
 - C. Monthly Vouchers –
 1. January 2010 Payroll Warrants 647411-33 & 87-101- \$75,532.73
 2. Warrants #647434-519 - \$525,164.89
 - D. Chiefs Report
 - E. Resolution 2009-17 - Canceling Warrants - Revising Final Total
 - F. Resolution 2010-01 – Closing 2009 Budget and Finalizing 2010 Budget
 - G. Resolution 2010-02 – Canceling Warrant

Commissioner Helland moved to approve the Consent Agenda as printed; motion carried.
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - A. Bayview Property/Central Facility – Chief Palmer drew attention to the sign displayed in the room and report it will be installed next week. The logo was replaced and a reference to Bayview Road was added upon receipt of the sign. The sign is a preliminary conception and the final design is still a work in progress.

Carletti Architects will have an estimated cost for the project ready for the March Commissioner Meeting.

- B. Thompson Road Property – The recent offer for purchase was withdrawn. The board directed the Chief to have the wet lands formally delineated for future references. Chief Palmer will advertize for a consultant and bring results to the March meeting.

VII. New Business

A.

VIII. Announcements –

- Station 35 (Saratoga Road) will be hosting a Recruitment Open house/Pancake Breakfast February 25th 8am to noon.
- The new apparatus is scheduled to arrive the first week of March.
- The 2009 Awards Banquet is March 13th at the Useless Bay Country Club. Social hour 5-6pm, dinner served at 6pm.
- The Board and Chief will be attending the Northwest Leadership Seminar in Portland, Oregon March 3-5.

IX. Varia –

Chief Palmer

- Requested the Board's feedback on the current Chief's reports. The Board expressed satisfaction with the current format. In the future Chief Palmer will be including forecasts.
- Reported he is reviewing Policies and SOPs and adding clarifications. In the March meeting he will be requesting the addition or revision of several policies for 1st reading.
- Station 34 (Langley) recently received a national design award. The Board agreed to the purchase of the plaque and it will be displayed in the station.
- Response Vehicles - The current Vehicle 301 (Chief's staff car) is a good staff car to replace the Taurus but inadequate for responding to calls. A plan is formulating to bring the 3 Deputy Chiefs' vehicles up to command level status and keeping the current command vehicle command ready but also refurbish it to meet the Chief's needs as his staff car. This would give the District the capability to respond with command vehicles to several areas at once in case of major storms or disasters. The board requested a formal request with financial estimates available for the next meeting
- Captain Shields' vehicle is not reliable and spends a great deal of time in the repair shop. A/C Busch is requesting a replacement for it and has found a Honda Pilot similar to the current MRVs available. The board requested a formal request with financial estimates available for the next meeting.
- Just today the District was informed that the Insurance Rating Bureau changed their rating policies January 2010. If a resident is more than 1,000 feet from a

Island County Fire District #3
Regular Commissioners Meeting
February 11, 2010 – Minutes

hydrant they are now rated an 8 rather than the 7 with Tender Shuttle Hydrant Credit of the past. This will be researched and a detailed report will be forthcoming.

- Requests an Executive Session for a Personnel Issue in the March meeting.

X. Executive Session - Nil

XI. Action taken as result of Executive Session - Nil

XII. Adjournment – With no further business Chairman Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:12pm.

Paula Schuler
District Secretary