

**ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3**

**REGULAR MEETING - BAYVIEW STATION**

**April 12, 2001 - 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

In Attendance:

Chairman Mike Helland  
Commissioner Bill Benjamin  
Commissioner Bob Elliot

Guests: Dennis Benning, FF Gary Gabelein, FF-EMT Michael Angelo, DC Les Hagstrom, Vince Johnson, Geoffrey Hornsby, and Jim Larson, South Whidbey Record

- I. Call to Order - Chairman Mike Helland called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
- II. Approval of Agenda - Commissioner Bill Benjamin moved to approve the Agenda as printed; motion carried.
- III. Public Input - Representatives of Friends of Freeland, Geoffrey Hornsby and Vince Johnson distributed copies of the Friends of Freeland's mission statement (attached). They approached the Board requesting consideration of the Friends of Freeland organization when the District disposes of the property on East Harbor Road. The Board assured Mr. Hornsby and Mr. Johnson, it will be at least a year before the District will be ready to abandon the station on East Harbor Road and then will dispose of the property according to District policy. The Board will entertain the idea of "a pocket park or trails" on the Cameron Road site after the station is completed. The Chief invited the group to study the present site plan.

FF Gary Gabelein had the opportunity to observed the H.S. Academy this week and was extremely impressed.

- 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. March 8, 2001
    2. April 7, 2001
  - B. Report of Correspondences
  - C. Finance Officer's Report
  - D. Monthly Vouchers -
    1. Payroll - March 1-15, 2001 \$9,233.31
    2. IRS Wire Transfer - \$3,279.72

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3. Payroll - March 16-30, 2001 \$9,679.80
4. IRS Wire Transfers - \$3,288.64
5. March Vouchers - \$262,536.34
6. Chief's Report

Commissioner Benjamin moved to approve the Consent Agenda as printed; motion carried.

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Saratoga Station Project - The new Saratoga station is near completion and almost ready for the punch list. Landscaping is in process and 2 trees will be removed tomorrow.

Items needing resolution include a question on the apparatus doors' color; Chairman Helland will refer this to the local community. Chief Smith was approached by a local contractor complaining that Steel Corp owes him \$70K and there are issues on the metal skin yet.

- B. Freeland Station - Tim Goodman from Carletti Architects, Heike Nelson with Ravnik & Associates Civil Engineering and Chief Smith attended the Pre-Application Meeting at the County Building Department earlier today. Mr. Goodman and the Chief were impressed with the brevity, efficiency and thoroughness of the County's planning meeting.
- C. Land Acquisition - Chief Smith discovered the County has the proposed Central Facility site zoned "Rural Forest". Project is on hold until the zoning issue is resolved.
- D. Surplused 1970 Ballard/White Tender (Formerly T36) - The request for bids over 10K received no responses. There are 2 fire districts east of the Cascades interested in the tender but unable to afford the \$10K. The Chief recommended the two Districts make an offer over \$5K and if no one responds by the next meeting go out to the public for bid again.

VI. New Business

- A. Public Access Defibrillation - Ski Mydyski - Mr. Mydyski called to reschedule meeting. Item tabled for May Meeting.
- B. Laser Color Printer - The District staff requested the purchase of a color laser printer for the office. Commissioner Elliot moved to purchase a Savin printer for \$3,470 plus tax; motion carried. The budget will be adjusted during Mid-Year Budget Review.
- C. Computer Upgrade - During periodical maintenance and

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upgrading the chief's computer was diagnosed with viruses. The Chief is unable to open many documents or programs because of the computer's older technology including unable to take an upgrade to its virus program. Commissioner Benjamin moved to replace the tower with newer technology; motion carried. The budget will be adjusted during Mid-Year Budget Review.

VII. Announcements -

Secretary Schuler will be on vacation April 18<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Chairman Helland reminded the Board their annual reports are due into Olympia April 18<sup>th</sup>.

VIII. Varia

Chief Smith:

Tim Goodman from Carletti Architects and the Chief toured the Clinton Station studying it for remodeling possibilities. Mr. Goodman made several suggestions and thought the remodel could be done for around \$100k. The Chief reminded the Board that both Freeland and Clinton could be ready for day use by this time next year.

Chief Smith plans to have the 300 Program running by this summer.

The Year 2000 tax error by the County's Assessor's Office has been resolved. The District will pay the City of Langley directly for the taxes paid to the District that should have been paid to the City of Langley. This warrant request will come before the Commissioners in their May Regular Meeting.

IX. Executive Session - Chairman Helland recessed the meeting for 20 minutes to discuss the Chief's Employment Contract.

X. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Paula Schuler  
District Secretary