# ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3

# **REGULAR MEETING - BAYVIEW**

# WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1990 - 7:00 P.M.

In attendance:

Ken McClellan, Chairman

Gary Gabelein, Commissioner Tom Saunders, Commissioner

Bruce Klassen, Chief

Paul Busch, Assistant Chief

Mark Porter, South Whidbey Record

Mike Gallion Randy Diefert Bob McGinty Bev Lane Bob Beatteay

Firefighters:

Penny Busch Doug Dowell Scot Treggett Mark Churchill

Ernie Hall Steve McQueen Linc Hawthorne Kevin Mathers

Steve Holibonich

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was reconvened at 7:02 p.m. by Commissioner McClellan.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Saunders made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/09/90, 10/30/90, 11/2-4/90, and 11/06/90. Commissioner Gabelein seconded the motion; the motion carried.

### CORRESPONDENCE

There was discussion regarding the Children's Fire Safety House.

## VISITORS COMMENTS

Randy Diefert expressed concern regarding the debris/nails left from the bon fire at the Freeland Boat Ramp for the Kris Kringle Fest. Freeland Battalion Chief Scot Treggett offered an explanation for the issue; Doug Dowell (Director/Freeland Chamber of Commerce) thanked Mr. Diefert for his concern and took responsibility on behalf of the Freeland Chamber for cleanup efforts. Battalion Chief Scot Treggett volunteered to be sure the nails would be cleaned up.

#### REPORTS

#### A. CHIEFS REPORT

- Chief Klassen reviewed the Chief's Report (attached herewith as Exhibit A).
- Chief Klassen gave a report on the status of the new bay doors installed at the Freeland and Saratoga stations.

#### B. COMMISSIONERS REPORT

- Commissioner Gabelein offered appreciation for the sincere expression of concern and well-wishes regarding his son, Jon.
- 2. Commissioner Gabelein requested that the January 8, 1991 regular meeting be changed to January 7, 9, or 15, due to his work schedule prohibiting his attendance on January 8.
- 3. There was discussion regarding a COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) to paid staff being addressed at the January 1991 meeting. Commissioner McClellan expressed his intention to award some cost of living adjustment since there had been no adjustment awarded last year.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

 Commissioner Gabelein requested that Resolution 94, referring to fire district commissioners serving as volunteer firefighters, be replaced with a current resolution, attached as Exhibit B, giving unanimous consent of the current Board for commissioners to serve as fire fighters. The new resolution will be put on the agenda for adoption at January's regular meeting.

- 2. Doug Dowell reported on behalf of the Comp Time Committee regarding the findings on comp time policies. The committee submitted it's recommendation to the Board. The Board thanked the Mr. Dowell for the hard work of the committee, and directed the District Secretary to put the issue on the agenda for the January regular meeting.
- 3. Commissioner Saunders made a motion to promote all paid staff to their next respective salary step effective 1) January, 1991 for Chief Bruce Klassen, 2) January, 1991 for Assistant Chief Paul Busch, and 3) April or May (whichever is 3 year anniversary) for District Secretary Susan Raley. Commissioner Gabelein seconded the motion; the motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Commissioner Saunders made a motion to approve the vouchers as presented.
   Commissioner Gabelein seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- 2. Commissioner Gabelein initiated a discussion regarding the controversy of commissioner/firefighter receiving reimbursement as a firefighter. The Board directed Commissioner Saunders to direct the question in writing to Clark Snure, attorney for the Island County Fire District No. 3, for a written opinion. Commissioner Saunders will report the findings at the January meeting.
- Commissioner Gabelein made a motion to appoint Commissioner Saunders as Chairman of the Board of Fire Commissioners for the 1991 year, effective beginning at the January meeting. Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- At 9:15 p.m. Commissioner Gabelein made a motion to adjourn to Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters meeting. Commissioner McClellan seconded the motion; the motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:47 p.m. Commissioner McClellan made a
motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real property
and personnel issues. Commissioner Saunders seconded the motion; the motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:10 p.m.

## **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Commissioner Saunders and seconded by Commissioner Gabelein to adjourn the regular meeting; the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Susan E. Raley, District Secretary
Island County Fire District No. 3

Approved:

Kenneth G. McClellan, Chairman

Gary R. Gabelein, Commissioner

Tom L. Saunders, Commissioner

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