

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #3
REGULAR MEETING
5535 Cameron Road, Freeland, Washington
January 10, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.
Minutes

In Attendance:

Chairman Mike Helland
Commissioner Bob Elliot
Commissioner Kenon Simmons
Chief Dan Stout

Audience: see attached sign in sheet.

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Helland called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
- II. Welcome Kenon Simmons – No introductions were needed for newly elected Commissioner Kenon Simmons brings 27 years of personal experience and 2nd generation of volunteerism with ICFD3 to the District's Board.
- III. Annual Meeting
 - A. Oath of Office – Secretary Schuler administered the Oath of Office and Commissioner Simmons's father, Retired 50 year veteran of the District Carl Simmons, presented Commissioner Simmons with his badge.
 - B. Election of Officers –
 - Commissioner Helland was nominated and unanimously voted Chairperson.
 - Commissioner Elliot was nominated and unanimously voted Vice-Chair
 - Commissioner Elliot was nominated and unanimously voted representative to the ICOM Board and;
 - Commissioner Simmons was nominated and unanimously voted to serve on the Board for Volunteer Firefighters and EMS.
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Simmons moved to approve the Agenda as printed; motion carried.
- V. Public Input – Captain Mestemacher stepped forward to thank Commissioner Simmons for taking on the tasks as Fire Commissioner. Commissioner Helland thanked the audience for the great support shown to Commissioner Simmons and the Board.
- VI. So. Whidbey Volunteer FF & EMS – FF Gabelein informed the Board that newly elected Association President Don Elliot will be representing the Association in 2008. \$1,300 was collected at the District's Holiday party and five families were selected for Christmas Families this year.
- VII. 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. December 8, 2007 Regular Meeting
 - B. Finance Officer's Reports

- C. Monthly Vouchers –
 - 1. December 2007 Payroll – \$51,158.98
 - 2. December 2007 Warrants - \$61,536.46
 - 3. January 2008 Warrants - ~~\$38,911.07~~ \$39,955.38
- D. Chief's Report

Commissioner Elliot moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the addition of a warrant for \$1,044.31; motion carried.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- A. Langley Property – The conditional use hearing in the City of Langley will be January 23rd. Hopefully the building contract will be signed by January 31, 2008 and ground breaking in February.
- B. Bayview Property – Mr. Hoss has requested an extension on the closing date for the 2nd piece of property. Closing will now be Feb. 15th.
- C. EMS Study – ESCi has completed compiling the major portion of input and is now developing maps and graphs for the February Commissioner meeting.
- D. 2008 Budget – January 20th the 2007 Budget will be closed and year end reports distributed to the Board Feb. 1st.

IX. New Business

- A. Mary Margaret Haugen letter re: 525 Highway Safety – In response to Senator Haugen's letter (attached) Chairman Helland requested the District become proactive in getting the word out about Highway Safety. Chief Stout was directed to contact the Washington State Traffic Safety Commission requesting their assistance in a campaign discouraging the illegal passing on the right so notorious on Highway 525.

X. Announcements – Chief Stout informed the Board:

- Through Captain Mestemacher's connections an agreement has been made with Seattle Community College Television Training Department. SCC will be filming ICFD3 activities and developing a video to be used in the District's volunteer recruitment efforts.
- In December 2007, Congress passed the Volunteer Responder Incentive Protection Act which exempts volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel from taxation by the federal government on reimbursements, etc. (H.R. 3648)

XI. Varia –

- The Board was reminded that the annual review of District Policies was coming up.

XII. Executive Session – At 7:30 pm. Chairman Helland recessed the meeting into a 45 minutes Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

XIII. Action taken as result of Executive Session - Meeting reconvened at 8:05 P.M. No action taken.

XIV. Varia – (cont.)

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- Ocean Shores – All commissioners and Chief Stout will be attending.
- February 14th Meeting will be changed to February 13th at 6:00pm

XV. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Paula Schuler
District Secretary