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ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, AUGUST 7, 1975

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hunter, the Chairman, in the meeting room in the Clinton fire station at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioners present:	Marion E. Hunter	Chief Erikson	present
	Lloyd S. Capp	Batt. Chief Gabelein	"
	Joseph H. Long	Batt. Chief Reis	"
		William Clark	"
		Fred Landis	"

Minutes of last meeting of July 2, 1975 read by Secretary and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$2,510.97 are on hand and after examination Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously. They are listed on reverse side of this sheet.

Under old business: The Chief reports we had 16 fire calls in July. These were mostly grass and brush fires.

Mr. Hunter now asks if there was any static in regard to the District declining to help with the water line extention and hydrant in Langley and the Chief says there was none.

The Chief also reports there will be 5 new hydrants installed at Cascade View.

The Chief has taken 953, the new diesel truck, in to Seattle again to have some work done. It takes too long to build up the air pressure in this unit. He says it is holding air better now, but still not as good as it should be.

The Chief now brings in the Plack mentioned in last months meeting for the Edwin Leaf memorial Fund. It is very nice.

The discussion now turns to the use for this Memorial Fund money. It is agreed by the Commissioners this money should be used toward the purchase of a Resusci Baby. They request the Chief to look into this as to cost and availability, and report at the next meeting.

The meeting now turns to the financing of a fire station at Bayview. Mr. Hunter states he is in favor of a General Obligation Bond issue on the November ballot. He also says for promoting a bond issue we need an approximate realistic figure as to size of station and what type of construction. The present issue is costing the taxpayers approximately \$4.40 per year on a \$20,000.00 home. Total cost would be approximately 85% of cost of present issue. Retirement of a new issue would not start until 1977, the next year after present issue is paid off. It is estimated that at present valuation of District, the cost to homeowners would be approximately \$3.75 on a \$20,000.00 home.

Mr. Reis asks what the need is for a station at Bayview. It is explained that the men do not have a station at present. The truck is housed in the County shed in a place just large enough to get the truck in.

Mr. Landis asks if all stations have kitchen areas and asks if this is needed. Mr. Long explains that this is so the men can make coffee. He says this is a morale builder for the men. Some of the stations are also used to hold group meetings.

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After further discussion Mr. Long makes motion to adopt resolution # 78 to place a ten year, \$100,000.00 General Obligation Bond issue on the November General Election ballot. Motion seconded by Mr. Capp, carried unanimously.

A tentative breakdown of this issue would be \$50,000.00 for Bayview station, \$20,000.00 to pay off balance on new truck, \$6,000.00 to extend Saratoga station, \$10,000.00 to update our mobile radios and \$16,000.00 to blacktop parking areas at Clinton and Maxwellton stations. *if funds available all station lots to be blacktopped parking areas.*

Under new business Mr. Hunter brings up the matter of the fire stations and homes in Everett that were set on fire by arsonists. He feels the need to explore the cost of smoke detectors for our three main stations at present and for the fourth one when built. The Chief is requested to look into this as to cost and what is available.

The other matter Mr. Hunter brings up is door closers for the main stations after the truck leaves. There are several methods for this. Those discussed were a time delay mechanism, a manual control as the truck leaves the station, or a floor activated switch that would be operated by the truck on leaving station. Mr. Ingalsbe suggested the floor switch. This would keep unauthorized people from entering station when truck is out and would also conserve on fuel for heating. *door closers*

Under correspondence the Chief reports the Fire Training program faces a fund shortage. There are no funds for Oil Fire Control School or for driver training. The Command School is to be funded through registration fees.

Mr. Hunter says we should be able to take care of our own training program on a self-sustaining basis. He reads about films that are available on fire truck driving. He feels these would be very good.

Attention now turns to visitor comments. Mr. Hornshaw brings up the matter of power steering for 948 as this truck is very hard to steer. The Chief says he knows of a new unit that would fit this vehicle. Mr. Hunter says we would need to know the cost and check if we have the funds available to do this now.

There is also the suggestion of putting a larger engine in this truck as it is underpowered. Mr. Hunter says the truck is 13 years old and does not feel the cost of a new engine would be justified.

Mr. Hornshaw now suggests getting a manifold from a junk yard and installing a four barrel carburator to increase performance. Mr. Hunter says doing this would be in line.

Business is now concluded and the meeting is adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

*Ella E. Hunter*

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