

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS April, 4, 1968

Meeting called to order by Mr. Henny the chairman at 7.10 P.M. at the public meeting room of the Whidbey Telephone Company at Bayveiw.

Commissioners present: David C. Henny  
Lloyd S. Capp  
Joseph H. Long

Minutes of the last meeting on March 7 read, and approved as read.

Bills in the amount of \$ 2007.01 ~~for the~~ from the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet are examined. Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that the bills be allowed and vouchers for same be signed. Carried.

Under new business Hunter states that when the new Clinton station is finished, an open house for the public to inspect the station is planned, and he feels there should be pass out materials on hand for the visitors, to help sell the fire prevention story. Says refreshments are also planned. He asks that some folders be ordered from the National Fire Protection Association. Also included should be a one minute 16 mm sound film to use at the time. Cost of this material would be between \$ 30.00 and \$ 35.00 . It is discussed and Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the secretary order this material, carried.

The secretary is now asked if he has figures showing what the amount is that is the portion of the expense fund to be used for general purposes other than for capitol outlay. This comes about as a result of the bond money for capitol outlay being placed in the expense fund, with no segregation by the Treasurers office as to the two categories. The secretary has not the figures requested. He is asked to have some for the next meeting, in May.

The Chief now brings up the question of there being no assistant chief in the district, and feels there should be. He states that when he leaves the district he delegates this authority to Mr. John Baty, as he feels he is the best qualified in the district to act ~~as~~ in this capacity, at least on the field operational level, in answering alarms, and fighting fires. He now recommends that Mr. Baty be appointed to this position. There is some discussion regarding this, and it is decided that inasmuch as Baty is a son in law of the Chiefs that the matter be held in abeyance to a future time of consideration.

The matter of a change in the fire alarm telephone system is now brought up, this as a result of the failure of the method during an alarm in Langley during the month of March, due to the phone line burning and shorting out the line at the scene of the fire at the precise time the alarm was transmitted. This failure indicated the need for some safeguards to prevent this occurring at any future time. The Chief and the Telephone company had already discussed this problem and now felt the remedy would be the installation of one or more additional ' Hot Lines ' to dispatch headquarters.

Mr. Henny now disqualifies himself to act as a Commissioner and turns the chair over to Mr. Capp

He now states that in researching the records of previous costs for the fire alarm reporting system he found that the present one 'hot line' had not been billed to the district, and consequently ~~not~~ paid for since its installation in February 1965.

Second list

There is some discussion regarding the problem, and Mr. Henny states that the amount which should have been paid and was not, was approximately \$ 750.00

Mr. Long now makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that this bill be allowed and paid. Carried.

Mr. Henny now makes a lengthy explanation of the proposed changes and additions to the alarm system. It would involve installing a second 'Hot Line' to dispatch headquarters, and the installing of a key system so that if an incoming call on the first 'Hot Line' was interrupted by a failure of the line or by the line being busy, the call would automatically be transferred to the second 'Hot Line', and if this line were inoperative or busy the call would be transferred to the District business line, thus giving in affect, three emergency lines. Monthly cost for this system would be \$ 162.65. There would be non recurring cost of \$ 65.00 for installation of the key system.

There was some further discussion regarding this system. Mr. Capp now makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that this proposal be accepted, and the system be implemented as soon as possible. Carried.

Inasmuch as this improvement would benefit the town of Langley, and actually was as a result of their complaints about the present system, it is felt that the town should help bear the burden of cost of the improved alarm system.

It is felt that the annual charge of \$ 50.00 from the town for the Sandy Point protection should be discontinued, and in addition the town should help on the monthly cost of the system. This would be open to negotiation between the town council and the fire district commissioners. The commission chairman is requested to write to the Langley town council, inviting them to a commission meeting to discuss the problem.

The chief now states that there is to be a meeting between the County Commissioners and the fire services on April 15 at the County court house at 11.15 A.M. to discuss the matter of numbering of rural residences in Island County, and requests that at least one of district three Commissioners attend this meeting with him. The fire service is desirous of seeing this plan which was adopted by the County Commissioners three years ago, placed in operation as soon as possible.

Mr. Capp says he probably will be able to attend this meeting.

The Chief reports that the Maxwellton siren is still out of service but that Clay Green has promised to move the siren and pole shortly, to the new station site.

The Chief also reports that Del Colvin has promised to survey the new lot at Maxwellton, in order that a start can be made towards erection of the new station.

Wiring is now discussed for the new station at Clinton, and the secretary has on hand three bids for this wiring. They are as follows:

Skokan Electric - \$ 2297.00 plus sales and \$ 18.00 permit

Knaplund Electric - \$ 3825.40 plus sales tax, but including permit. An option is also included of doing the job on an hourly basis of \$8.00 per hour for journeyman, \$6.00 per hour for apprentice, \$5.00 per hour for laborer, with material at a 15 % discount.

Eylander Electric Motor Supply - \$ 1736.00 plus tax and \$ 18.00 permit.

After discussion motion is made seconded and carried that the bid of Eylander



page three of meeting of 4 April 1968

Electric Motor Supply be accepted. Eylander also agreed to start the job on Monday April 8 and to work continuously until completed. This is desirable as all other finishing work is dependant on this wiring being done.

The Chief now asks Mr. Henny what the objection to stickers on the telephones giving the fire alarm emergency numbers is. The reply is, that on colored phones such as used locally by the telephone company when a sticker is applied and later removed it shows a different color wherethe sticker was applied than the rest of the phone due to fading of the rest of the case, necessitating a new case if reinstalled at another location, and the sticker is removed.

There is no further business and meeting is adjourned.

*Marion E. Hunter*

Marion E. Hunter, secretary  
Island County Fire Protection District No 3