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ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, OCTOBER 6, 1977

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: Marlon E. Hunter  
Kenneth G. McClellan

Others present: Chief Erikson, Mike Paul, Whidbey Record Reporter, Eatt. Chief Gabelein, Fireman Hoeck, and the Secretary.

Minutes of the last regular meeting of September 1, 1977 read by the Secretary and approved as read.

Minutes of the Special meeting of September 20, 1977 also read by the Secretary and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$11,417.16 are on hand and after examination Mr. McClellan makes motion seconded by Mr. Hunter that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously.

There are applications from four men for admittance to the fire department. They are Robert D. Carpenter, Forrest D. Johnson, Terry E. Lehman and Dan Nicholson all for the Freeland Station. These men are acceptable and the applications are signed by the Commissioners.

The Secretary reports that we have received our insurance policy from Alexander & Alexander. This has been written up on replacement cost of equipment.

The Chief now discusses a one day training session on October 30, 1977, which will be conducted by the Puget Sound Firefighter's Association at the Holiday Inn in Everett on firefighters role in fire investigation. He requests permission to send five firemen, one from each main station, to this at a registration cost of \$8,00 each. This is agreeable with the Commissioners and Mr. McClellan makes motion seconded by Mr. Hunter approving a voucher for \$40,00 to cover the registration fees for five firemen, carried unanimously.

The Chiefs report is now considered and minor discussion related to several items. He reports that He and Bob Jackson inspected the Senior Center at Bayview and found it deficient in several areas. One area was lack of fire extinguishers. He also reports that He and Mr. Hunter attended the hearing at Coupeville in connection with a Fire Code for Island County and the County Commissioners passed it at this time. Mike Paul asks if this Fire Code would help in the areas of deficiency in the Senior Center and other meeting places in the area and the Chief explains that this will give Bob Jackson authority with which to carry on these inspections.

The Chief reports that on inspection he found the Clinton siren needed repair and this has been done. He also feels the Maxwellton siren needs attention. He reports that He and Marv Berkeland have replaced the brushes in the Freeland siren.

The Chief reports reorganization of the Freeland Department with Wally Lehman as Batt. Chief, Dennis Benning as Captain and Harold Rothwell as Lt. This meets with Commissioner approval.

At this time Mr. Hoeck asks permission to speak as he has to leave. Permission is granted by the Chairman and Mr. Hoeck offers as a suggestion for future consideration the possibility of placing the Chief on a contract basis for employment. There is some discussion by the Commissioners, the consensus of fact being that they had never heard of this before, but would give it consideration in the future. Mr. Hoeck is thanked for his suggestion and attendance and takes his leave at 7:55 P. M.

The bulkhead at the Bayview Station lot is completed and is very satisfactory. The Chief now asks if we could do some blacktopping there. There was considerable discussion relative to installing a storm drain in the lot. This discussion develops the fact that some filling will be required from the rear center of the area. After some further discussion it is decided to use a level and set some grades to determine how much fill will be needed, then at a later time, based on this information, decide how much blacktopping, etc. to do.

Attention is now turned to the Clinton Station roof. Mr. McClellan reports that Mr. Price had worked on the roof, patching, and feels that he must have found and repaired the leaks as there has been no evidence of leaks since, except at skylights, which Mr. Price was not concerned with.

There are only two skylights that have been giving trouble with leaks. The Chairman feels that in regard to the skylight leaks, that a new frame of 2 X 6's could be made to extend the present frames up, with new corrugated fiberglass cover, including a 2 or 3 inch rise at center lengthwise and an overhang of 5 or 6 inches at both ends and sides and placed on Z metal strips on top of old frame and sealed with sealer, would adequately rectify the leak problems. The Chief suggests to continue using goop to stop these leaks until next year.

Mr. Baty arrives at 8:30 P. M.

Under other business Mr. McClellan now brings up the matter of the Dispatcher not having her two weeks vacation. He suggests that she be granted double pay for two weeks in lieu of a vacation. There is further discussion and Mr. McClellan makes motion seconded by Mr. Hunter granting the Dispatcher double pay for two weeks in lieu of paid vacation, carried unanimously.

Under visitor comments Gary Gabelein asks regarding the 1977 budget in relation to amounts budgeted for salaries, if they were set for the entire year at time of adoption. The answer is yes. He then questions how the Dispatcher can be paid for vacation time not taken, which will be paid in addition to the regular salary. The Chairman explains that there is some flexibility in our budget, and as long as no money is spent beyond what is available, it is permissible. Mr. Gabelein also questions the \$50.00 increase for the Secretary for the balance of the year from Sept. 1. This increase was to partially pay for relief Dispatcher. The Secretary has been doing this for several years now without any pay. There is much further discussion relative to the above items, with more explanation of the reasons for the action taken. There is repeat of earlier information given Mr. Gabelein relative to the issues. There is also much discussion between Mr. McClellan and Mr. Gabelein relative to the manning of the alarm center, with the only conclusion that some time in the future a change may be necessary.

The Chairman finally perceived that nothing constructive was resulting, and only a rehash of some of it repeatedly, therefore he adjourned the meeting at 8:55 P. M.

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