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ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, NOVEMBER 3, 1977

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hunter, the Chairman, in the meeting room in the Clinton Fire Station at 7:01 P. M.

Commissioners present: Marion E. Hunter                    Chief Erikson                    present  
   Joseph H. Long                    Batt. Chief Gabelein                    "  
   Kenneth G. McClellan

Minutes of the last regular meeting of October 6, 1977 read by the Secretary and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$5,558.18 are on hand and after examination Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. McClellan that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously.

There is an application from one man for admittance to the fire department. He is Mark Racicot for the Bayview station. This man is acceptable and the application is signed by the Commissioners.

Under old business attention is now turned to the water problem on the Bayview Station parking lot. The Chief reports that there is no water problem from the road and the drainage onto the lot is coming mostly from the Verlane Gabelein property to the east, and it appears as though Gabelein is not interested in taking care of this drainage problem from his property. The Chief feels that He and Marv Berkeland could dig a trench above the east side of the lot and divert this water to property to the rear or south side of the lot.

The Chief also reports that John Synder gave us good service in straightening the mast at the Bayview Station after South Whidbey Readymix bent it and tore the electric wires loose with their boom. They said they would pay for repairing this and the Chief will present them with the bill.

Further under old business the Chairman reports that he talked to Larry Alden relative to the repairs on the two horse siren purchased from them and that they are having it repaired.

Mr. McClellan now reports that Emmett Kramer told him that Veit Construction is putting out a good grade of asphalt now.

Under new business the Chief suggests raising the Volunteer reimbursement from \$3.00 to \$4.00 for fire turnouts and from \$1.00 to \$2.00 for drills. This is briefly discussed. The Secretary points out that this was discussed at the Fire Commissioners Conference in Spokane and we would need to check further before doing this to be sure this would not involve paying social security on this reimbursement. In light of the fact that it is now too late to do anything about this for the present reimbursement this will be discussed again at a later date as there would not be another reimbursement for volunteers until November 1978.

The Secretary reports that it was reported at the Commissioners Conference that social security will have to be paid on Commissioners compensation also. This is retroactive to January 1, 1974.

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The Secretary also reports that the District will have to enter into the State Unemployment Security Program as of January 1, 1978.

The Chief requests in his report that the District consider providing health insurance for the paid employees. He suggests Skagit County Medical and also their standard basic plan with the following figures as monthly premium costs for the employees. \$27.90 for the Chief, \$25.40 for the Dispatcher and \$12.13 for one half of the Assistant Chiefs premium as he is employed on a part time basis. The total cost per month for this would be \$65.43. Mr. McClellan now makes motion seconded by Mr. Long to enter the paid employees into the Skagit County Medical Plan under the above conditions of cost, carried unanimously.

The Chairman now reads a letter from Mr. Graff, the Architect for the Bayview Station in which he states that the guarantee inspection must be made by January 9, 1978.

The Chief asks if we have given any thought to replacement of the Chiefs station wagon as it is a 1971 and has about 90,000 miles on it now. He says it still does not use any oil. The Chairman reminds that the transmission was rebuilt in it. This suggestion has been tabled to a future time.

The Chairman reports that at the State Fire Commissioners Conference at Spokane they stressed very strongly an ongoing training program for volunteer firemen with a qualified instructor, who has attended the State Instructors Schools, and also suggesting that the volunteers should have this training before they are permitted to operate the fire trucks and act in all capacities as qualifies firemen.

Business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 8:48 P. M.

*Ella E. Hunter*

Ella E. Hunter, Secretary  
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