

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS 7 SEPTEMBER 1972

Meeting called to order by Mr. Henny the chairman at 7.00 P.M. in the meeting room of the Clinton fire station.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: David C. Henny
Joseph H. Long

Guests present are Marvyn L. Berkelund representing the Clinton fire department, and John Baty a fire department member at large, and fire training instructor.

Inasmuch as copies of the minutes of the last meeting on 3 August were delivered to the Commissioners and Chief, Mr. Long makes motion, seconded by Mr. Henny that reading of the minutes be dispensed with, but with two minor corrections, pointed out by the Chief. First, on the list of bills approved, Jean Baty salary was listed at \$125.00 when it should have been \$300.00. Second, the report of the fence around the Freeland station as being six feet high was incorrect, and should have been just a normal fence of probably four feet height. Motion carried, unanimously. Also changing the word south to north in describing the Freeland fence.

Bills (current) in the amount of \$ 3243.06 from the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet are on hand and examined. The bills are approved with the exception of one from John Baty, in which claim is made for one day of pay for his attendance at the fire instructors school at Yakima, which he attended during August. There is much discussion regarding this as the Commissioners had not authorized this. Mr. Henny and Mr. Erikson say they were of the impression this time was to be donated to the cause. Baty reports he actually lost two days time from his job. The secretary reports that Baty was paid for one day time at a previous time he attended this school and no question raised. He also reports that last year when the various firemen of the District turned out to drills and fire alarms they were paid for same. Baty was out on numerous occasions last year to fires and on investigations and was not paid for these times. Mr. Long also says he knows of this condition, and seems to feel it would be fair to pay Baty for the one day. Erikson says during the years he was a school board member and attended meeting away from the area, and lost time, he only got paid for actual travel expenses, etc, but not for lost time. After more discussion Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Henny the bill be allowed and Baty to be paid for the one day, carried unanimously.

The Chief now reports the fence around the radio base station has been completed by Marv Berkelund and himself. He also reports that the new roof has been installed on the Saratoga station and a very good job was done by Thomson & Sons the contractors.

The Chief also reports that he has been negotiating regarding the traffic control light on highway 525 at the intersection with Central avenue. This will have to be handled through the State highway department, at least they will have to authorize it and will lay out the requirements. He reports it is now in the hands of Puget Power and Bud Rosemeyer to come up with estimates as to costs of installation.

The Chief also reports that four alerting receivers have been ordered, two on the Freeland frequency, one on the Maxwellton frequency, and one with frequencies for Freeland, Clinton, and Maxwellton. The latter to be for Mr. Hennys use. Three receivers ordered were in accordance with the action taken in the August meeting of Commissioners.

The Chief reports that the gasoline tank and pump has been installed at the Clinton station. Mr. Long makes motion, seconded by Mr. Henny that Mr. Hunter be thanked for the gas pump which he has donated to the District, carried unanimously.

The Chief now reports on the booth at the Island County Fair. The location, in the center just inside the entrance to the commercial building was good as it exposed many people to the fire prevention story, as most fair goers travel this area during their stay at the fair. He was able to talk to many people. He feels the rulers for passing out were not the best idea.

The Chief now reported that Marv had presented a fire prevention story to a group at Sandy Point, and one on Columbia Beach Drive recently and feels he did an excellent job. These meetings included demonstrations.

The Island County Treasurers report to the District is on hand for the month of August and shows taxes in the amount of \$352.42 collected for the expense fund, and \$ 173.16 for the G.O. bond fund. The balance for the expense fund is \$7114.67 with warrants in the amount of \$ 261.41 outstanding and the G.O. bond fund shows a balance of \$7183.66

The Chief brings up the subject of attendance at an oil fire control school at Yakima during the month of October, by himself and John Baty. After discussion, Mr. Long makes motion, seconded by Mr. Henny that they be authorized to attend and the District to pay their expenses, but, Mr Baty agrees to go on his own time with no remuneration unless it is authorized at a later time, carried unanimously.

The meeting attention is now turned to the need for the firemen training program. It is discussed and the feeling of all present is that it is very necessary. The Chief now request permission to go ahead with the program. Mr. Long now makes motion, seconded by Mr. Henny that the Chief be authorized to go ahead with the training program. Carried unanimously.

There is now discussion regarding the training program. Baty is asked how long the school for the firemen will last. It is a 42 hour program and is flexible in its conduct as to the time. The Chief and Baty feel it will be better to present it to only half of the men at a time. In this way it will need to be presented twice, once to each group, the feeling is that it will be more effective in this way.

It is generally agreed that some pay schedule should be implemented for the instructor, as, for a presentation to the class of two or three hours will require three or four hours of preparation time on the part of the instructor. The Chief reports that the State pay their instructors \$9.00 per hour when they are at fire departments putting on classes. There is further discussion on this topic, and Hunter is asked as to his feelings regarding this. He says he would rather not make any statements on this for obvious reasons. (Baty is his son in law). But later in the discussion he does say he feels that rather than pay a sum of specific amount per hour, that a sum for each class be paid, pointing out that to some people an amount of \$9.00 per hour would seem to be exorbitant, not realizing the amount of behind the scenes preparation time involved, but that a lump sum per class would be more acceptable in their thinking.

The Chief now reports that the Freeland department seems to be progressing very well now. There are two new men coming into the department there. A few dead wood type men are being fazed out there. Gary Gabelein who has been turning out to the Maxelton department since he joined the department is now turning out to the Freeland department and is a very good man taking a great interest in all parts of the program from firefighting to training, and will be an asset to that department.

There is some discussion relative to response to fire alarms. Hunter voices the thought that in time a program will have to be worked out in which only part of a crew will turn out to minor alarms, i.e. car fires, grass fires and other small items,

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first aid, investigations, etc.

The Chief now reports that he has talked to Johnie and Richard Gabelein relative to the District putting up a fence between the Clinton station and their lot next door to the south. They indicate that if the costs were reasonable to move the house onto the south sixty feet of their property they might be interested in selling the north thirty feet of their property to the fire district. He said he had not heard from them for some time so it is a wait and see what develops. The problem is discussed and it is felt that if something of this nature could be worked out it would be desirable. In the meantime the building of the fence on the present property line will be held in abeyance.

The need for a slide projector for the District for use of the instructor in training sessions is brought up. Mr Baty reports that the slide turrets which the State provide for the instructors are intended to be used, and will work only in the Kodak Carousel projector so this would rule out purchasing another brand. He reports that he has priced some and can get the best price from the House Of Values in Everett. Cost will be in the neighborhood of \$ 160.00 with a screen at \$25.00 to \$30.00 bringing the cost to \$200.00 including tax, approximately.

After discussion it is agreed by the Commissioners the need is there, so Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Henny that Baty be authorized to go ahead with the purchase of projector and screen to the extent of \$200.00 It is also noted that the District has a movie projector with no screen so this screen can be used with it also. Motion carried.

The Chief now reports on a fire alarm at Sunlight Beach on a Sunday, and reads a letter received from the property owner involved, in which she gives high praise to the fire department.

Attention is now turned to finances, and after checking, the secretary reports that the \$12,000 from the expense fund which has been invested in 90 day securities, and is now back in the fund could be reinvested in 90 day securities. The secretary also feels and recommends that when the \$12,000 is returned to the fund it should be transferred to the reserve fund and reinvested. He feels the reserve fund should be built up in anticipation of the purchase of a new fire truck.


After some further discussion Mr. Long makes motion, seconded by Mr. Henny that resolution # 6.3 be adopted to invest the \$12000.00 in ninety day securities, carried unam.

Marv Berkelund is now asked for comments regarding the Clinton fire department, as to morale, etc. Also as to needs of the department. He feels the morale of the men is good. As to needs he feels a kitchen cabinet and another refrigerator is needed.

The secretary now requests permission to attend the State Fire Commissioners conference at Yakima October 19-20-21, to be held in Chinook hotel. Asks that expenses be paid but will attend on own time. He feels it is necessary, as there will be classes on fire district laws etc. and thinks it would also be desirable for one or more of the Commissioners to attend.

Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Henny that permission be granted to the secretary to attend this conference, paying his normal expenses, carried unanimously.

Turning again to finances there is discussion relative to the budget for 1973. The County Assessor has advised the secretary that the valuation for the fire district for 1973 is approximately \$31,772,000.00 but will not be finalized until near the first of the year.

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After quite some discussion of the District needs for both the expense fund and the G.O. bond fund, and also the reserve fund, Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Henny that resolution # 64 be adopted budgeting \$42,600.-- into the expense fund, \$10,000.00 into the capitol outlay fund, and \$4,000.00 into the reserve fund, and \$22,240.00 into the General Obligation Bond fund, for the year 1973 for a total of \$78,840.00. Motion carried and this resolution becomes a part of these minutes, carried unanimously.

The Chief now reports on several lightning caused fire of recent weeks, saying they kept the Department Of Natural Resources busy for some time.

The business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 10.55

Marion E. Hunter
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