

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 3

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS JULY 2, 1974
INSTEAD OF REGULAR FIRST THURSDAY DUE TO THE 4th FALLING ON THAT DATE

Meeting called to order by chairman Mr. Hunter 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	Instructor Baty	"
	Joseph H. Long	Fireman C. Miller	"
		" L. Wildes	"
		Parker Wildes	"

Minutes of last meeting on June 6th read by secretary and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$5,196.38 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.

Old business: The Chief reports Norm Crist called him regarding status of the new truck, really nothing new, as delivery time of the truck to Pierce is still very indefinite. A letter received from Norm Crist is read and substantiates the information given to the Chief, also giving several names and telephone numbers to call to verify the information he has given if it is cared to do so. Also reports that if a new truck was ordered today calling for a diesel engine it would be 30 months to delivery time.

Mr. Hunter now reports that he talked to Rein Kehle and Ernie Swanson at the recent Snohomish-Island County Fire Commissioners Association meeting regarding the Employers liability insurance and they tell him that this is a coverage which the District does not have at present. It would protect the District in the case of one of our volunteer firemen being hurt in connection with his duty and decides to sue the District. It would cover attorneys fees for defense and also cover damages in case of an award of this kind. He does not know the extent or limits of this coverage. The cost is based on the number of volunteers in the department and is \$4.50 per man, which at present is 78 men, or a cost of \$351.00 per year. There is much discussion and the consensus of feeling is to check on the coverage and if it is adequate it should be acquired. Secretary to inquire into this.

In connection with insurance a letter from Kehle & Hawley is read explaining that the fire coverage on our present policy for our various stations and contents has been raised from a figure of \$114,000.00 to \$123,500.00 to keep pace with rising costs of replacement. It increases the policy cost by \$100.00 per year.

Also under insurance Kehle & Hawley report that an additional umbrella insurance of \$1,000,000.00 is available to add to our present coverage if desired. Briefly discussed but no action taken.

Attention is now turned to the Maxwellton station parking lot surfacing, which project was deferred from last year because of finances. There is much discussion.

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Last year a bid of \$650.00 was received for removing top soil, grass, etc. and surfacing with crushed quarry rock, also for installing 100 feet of drain tile across the lot to carry away water. Cost would no doubt be higher at this time. There is much discussion of this project, with Mr. Hunter and Mr. Long questioning the need for the drain tile, otherwise it is agreed that there is a need for a better surface. The Chief agrees to get some new figures on cost of the project with and without the drain tile. Lincoln Wildes feels the drain is needed.

The Chief now reports he has inquired into the booth for fire prevention for the District program at the fair during August. It seems to be unsettled at this time.

The Chief also now reports the gift of hose fittings for the department from the Sunlight Beach residents, as they have no further use for them.

The Chief reports that he has rented the Maxwellton tanker # 952 to Waterman Mill to help them to extinguish a longstanding fire condition near the mill, and asks if the District has a standard policy for this sort of thing, as to rental fees, etc. Says he rented the tanker two years ago to the D.N.R. while they were working a fire on the Sandy Point road, and the District was reimbursed for it. The rate is reported as \$5.00 per hour. He reports the D.N.R. worked the fire for five days but he had been on the fire only one day for six hours. Mr. Long says he wouldn't want to let the tanker go to just anyone for private use, but feels if it was to a responsible person for a legitimate use, which could not be handled by any other means it would be permissible.

After discussion Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long to follow the D.N.R. rate schedule for charges for the tanker for legitimate fire department or related use. The Chief to use his good judgement in the matter, carried unanimously.

The Chief reports the tanker has been used for eleven hours at Watermans already.

The secretary is to send a bill to Waterman for this use using the D.N.R. rate schedule.

Under other business the Chief reports that the paint is flaking off of the Clinton station and will probably need painting, if not this year, next year. He also reports the roof on the Clinton station is beginning to crack and will need reroofing soon, if not this year, next year. There is discussion, and the result is that the chairman with the Chief will look further into the condition of the station roof, and report later.

Chief Erikson reports the Freeland firemen are still planning on siding the hose tower at that station. The siding has already been bought and delivered and will be painted before installation.

Attention is now turned to the need for a District assistant Chief. Mr. Long states he feels there is a need to have one. He is wondering if it should be an assistant Chief or to designate one of the Battalion Chiefs for the job. Feeling seems to be that the Chief should not have to be on call seven days a week each week of the year. This problem was discussed at the previous meeting in June. There is much discussion. The visitors are asked for comment and Mr. L. Wildes says as far as he is concerned there is no need for a full time, full paid assistant Chief, but to appoint an assistant Chief and pay him for service time acting as such.

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In times past there has been no officially designated assistant Chief, but the Chief at times of leaving or being unavailable, delegated someone, usually Mr. Baty to act in his stead when necessary.

Mr. Long feels that when the time comes to appoint an assistant Chief the board should go into executive session and discuss the problem.

There is much discussion on the problem and no decision is reached.

The Chairman says he feels the problem is directly related to the number of alarms the department receives each year. Last year is the first year there have been more than one hundred alarms received, and he feels until the number increases the need is only for a fill in assistant Chief.

Mr. Baty reports on his attendance at the Annual Fire Conference & School in Yakima. He feels it was very informative and well worthwhile.

Mr. P. Wildes has no comment.

Mr. Miller says he was curious as to how his tax money was being spent. He says the meeting was very interesting.

The Chairman would like to know the status of our firemen in case of a call into Langley. He feels the need for a mutual aid agreement. The Chief says Duane Carnes (Chief) is in favor of a mutual aid agreement with the District. Mr. Hunter said he would call Olympia to check on whether our firemen would be covered under the Pension & Relief Act in case of injury if we went in without a mutual aid agreement.

The business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Ella E. Hunter

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