

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS APRIL 3, 1969

Meeting called to order by the chairman Mr. Henny at 7.00 P.M. at the 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 6 read, and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$ 2741.45 to the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet are examined and Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried.

The County Treasurers report to the District is on hand and shows a balance of \$ 9897.61 in the expense fund with warrants in the amount of \$ 515.90 outstanding. The General obligation bond fund shows a balance of \$ 8081.09 Taxes collected during the month were \$ 1868.60 for the expense fund and \$ 1715.99 for the G.O bond fund . These reports are as of February 28, 1969.

Mr. Charland of Rt 1 Clinton has arrived as a guest of the meeting, and Mr. Henny explains to him that he is very welcome and that if he cares to speak or say anything for the good of the meeting and the District he is now welcome to do so. Then after this he may either leave or stay for the rest of the meeting.

He asks about the training of the volunteers, explaining that he works at the navy base at Oak Harbor in the fire department and is interested in this part of the fire service. He asks numerous questions of the Chief and offers the thought that there is a need for further training of the men in the district departments. This is agreed to by all. there is some further discussion on various related topics. He is asked if he would be willing to join the fire department and he says he is. The Chief asks him if he can meet with him the first of the next week to discuss the problem further, and he says he will.

Among some of the items discussed is what seems to him a lack of publicity in relation to the the fire department activities. It is agreed ~~there~~ this is true, but it is explained that for several years the local newspaper editors have not been very cooperative in this respect, and when items are printed they are in the negative vein rather than constructive, more often than not. There is some further discussion and Mr. Charland leaves after being thanked for his attendance and interest in the department.

Attention is now turned to other matters among which Hunter says he has contacted Wittenberg Motors a firm on hiway 99 south of Seattle near Midway who rebuild surplus Government trucks and build tankers etc for fire departments and others needing such equipment. The man he talked to said they could furnish rigs of this order probably up to 1500 gallons capacity for from \$ 2300.00 to \$ 5000.00 depending on the exact requirments. They completely rebuild the engines, rear ends, transmissions etc, building new cabs and front fenders etc, so they look very good.

Hunter is requested to look further into this as a possibility for a tanker for the Maxwellton staion.

The Chief voices the need for some spare hose for the various departments of the district, saying there had never been any purchased for replacement or reserve except some 200 feet of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. There should be an additional 200 feet of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ and a minimum of 300 to 600 feet of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hose. The hose on the present Maxwellton truck is now 12 years old.

Hunter also feels the District bylaws should be reviewed and revised, deletions made or additions made if a need is found, as they have never been reviewed or changed since they were adopted in September 1957.

Need for a written policy to cover current and future objectives and conditions for the fire district should be considered and one adopted according to needs, is the next thought voiced by the secretary.

Hunter also says he feels the district has too many small vehicles and thought should be given to disposing of at least one or two.

There being no further business the meeting is adjourned at 9.30

Marion E. Hunter

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