



ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, SEPTEMBER 4, 1975

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:	Marion E. Hunter	Chief Erikson	present
	Lloyd S. Capp	Assist. Chief Berkeland	"
	Joseph H. Long	Batt. Chief Gabelein	"
		Fireman Nelson	"

Minutes of last meeting of August 7, 1975 read by Secretary and approved as read with one addition.

Current bills in the amount of \$2,519.76 are on hand and after examination Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously. They are listed on reverse side of this sheet.

Attention is now turned to the General Obligation Bond issue which has been discussed at the meeting in August and agreed upon after further discussion, and Mr. Capp now makes motion seconded by Mr Long that resolution # 78 be adopted. Carried unanimously. This resolution calls for a G. O. bond issue of \$100,000.00 for the purpose of constructing and equipping a new fire station at Bayview, constructing and equipping an addition to the Saratoga fire station, paying of a balance on the new fire truck recently acquired, blacktopping of the various fire station lots, and acquiring of some additional mobile radios. The bond issue to be placed on the ballot at the general election on November 4th this year.

Mr. Nelson now asks the amount of millage allowed to the Fire District. The Chairman explains we are not on a millage basis any more, but on a cents per thousand.

The Chief reports at this time that he has ordered a Resusci Baby. This item is to be paid with the Ed Leaf Memorial Fund money.

At this time it is reported that we will need \$7,000.00 to retire our present G. O. bond levy in 1976.

The Secretary now explains that any moneys left in the G. O. bond retirement fund after present issue is paid off, is retained in the bond fund for retirement of any future bond issues.

There is some discussion now relative to interest costs on a G. O. bond issue.

Mr. Capp now asks relative to the air problem on 953 and the Chief reports that it is much improved. He also says the firemen have complained of front end bounce in the truck, but on investigation he finds it is because of flat spots in the tires created by sitting for some time inactive, but disappears upon driving for some miles and tires returning to normal shape through warming up.

The Chief now turns attention to the heavy steering in 948, which was briefly discussed at last meeting. The Chief projected a figure of \$300.00 for a used unit and approximately \$600.00 to \$700.00 for a new unit. Mr. Nelson explains the \$600.00 to \$700.00 price was for the parts to build up a complete new unit, excepting a mounting bracket for the pump. There is further discussion relative to merits of used or new units. Mr. Capp now makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the Chief be authorized to go ahead, with Mr. Nelsons assistance, and look into the used unit, determining if one could be acquired in good condition or reconditioned reasonably for substantially less than new parts. Carried unanimously.

Attention is now turned to the seeming lack of power in 948 which was discussed at the August meeting. The Chief feels now that the truck performs better than he had at first believed, having, since last meeting driven the truck, accompanied by Gordon Simmons, of Simmons Garage, and learning that keeping the engine operating in the green range on the tachometer resulted in better performance. At this time he would not recommend going ahead with the four barrel carburetor installation idea.

Mr. Nelson at this time says he feels drivers training in truck operation would be very good.

Mr. Hunter says that some departments in other areas carry on their own driver training programs, and feels this would be very desirable in our District.

The Chief reports no more materials for operation support will be available from the State. The Districts will have to provide their own training materials.

The Chairman points out that there is also a legal aspect in the Districts liability in case of accident through driver error. A good driver training program would help to prevent this problem.

The Chief suggests that Terry Hornshaw and Scot Hoeck be appointed as lieutenants at Bayview, and Carl Simmons and Gordon Simmons be appointed as lieutenants at Clinton. Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that these men be appointed to these positions, carried unanimously.

There is an application from one fireman for admittance to the fire department. He is R. Steven Nerison, Jr. for the Bayview station. He is acceptable and the application is signed.

In reference to the flooded basement at Island Care Center mentioned in the Chiefs report, Mr. Hunter mentions that he was called at 1:30 A. M. and went out. This was the second time this has happened. The flooding was the result of a worker forgetting to close the washer door before starting the machine. The basement floor was covered with water and the workers were afraid to enter because of possible electrical hazard. The result was that Mr. Hunter donated a pair of boots to the Home for use in such instances so as not to require fire department assistance.

The Chief reports he had some complaints in regard to response on the barn fire, but he feels the response was very good.

At this time there is some discussion relative to getting smoke detectors for our main stations. The Chief is to check further in this matter and report at the next meeting.

The Chief now asks permission for himself and the Assistant Chief to attend the Chiefs Conference at the Holiday Inn in Everett September 25 - 26 - 27. The Chief says Orville Hunter, Battalion Chief at Clinton, has said he will be available during this time to act in place of the Chief, inasmuch as the Chief and Assistant Chief will be away in the daytime during the Conference.

Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp authorizing the Chief and Assistant Chief to attend the Chiefs Conference, carried unanimously.

The Chief is in charge of programs during the month of October for the Kiwanis Club. He invites the Commissioners to attend a breakfast during this month to help promote the G. O. Bond issue.

The Chief reports that the hydrants at Cascade View that he mentioned at the last meeting are now installed.

The Chief also reports a problem with the diesel truck at Freeland. He says at a certain speed of the motor it sets up a tone that activates the door opener and opens the door of the station. Mr. MacArthur, our radio man, found this problem and is going to work on finding a solution.

The Chief informs the Commissioners that he and the Assistant Chief are going to install a new roof on our radio station on Cultus Bay Road.

The Chairman agrees to contact the Whidbey Record relative to publicity for promotion of the G. O. Bond issue, to be placed on the November ballot.

Mr. Hunter now asks the Chief about public response at the Fire District booth at the Island County Fair. He reports the response was very good, and the fire films shown were well attended. He also states that the Sheriff's department had a large marijuana plant right next to the booth and this attracted a lot of attention and brought a lot of people into the area.

There was some discussion relative to people burning large piles under permit and forgetting to notify the dispatcher before lighting them. Mr. Hunter reports that Mr. McClelland, the D.N.R. man who writes the permits in this area, told him that he instructs permittees to do this.

Under visitor comments Mr. Nelson asks if it is necessary to hire an architect to draw the plans for construction of a new fire station. We do not have the answer to this at this time.

Business is now concluded and meeting adjourned at 9:16 P. M.

Ella E. Hunter
Ella E. Hunter, Secretary
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