

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.3

REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 11, 1984

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairman Kenneth McClellan. Also in attendance were Gary Gabelein, Bruce Klassen, Paul Busch, and Hazel Dodsworth.

Gary Gabelein made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting of November 13, 1984, as written. Ken McClellan seconded the motion; motion carried.

WASHINGTON PHYSICIANS SERVICES - PREMIUM INCREASE FOR 1985:

The commissioners approved the increase of 3.9° made by the Washington Physicians Services in their Group Medical Plan premiums for 1985.

WHIDBEY GEN. HOSPITAL and SO. WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT - TRANSMITTER PLACEMENT:

Whidbey General Hospital's letter of December 10, 1984, in which they requested permission to install a transmitter on the Fire District's base station building, was discussed.

Chief Klassen informed the Board that Foote Communications had recommended that the Fire District charge Whidbey General Hospital a one time, flat rate site fee of approximately \$500 - \$600, plus a monthly space rental fee of \$25 - \$30. (Foote informed Bruce that they were getting between \$1,500 and \$1,800 flat rate site fee elsewhere). These monies would be put aside to be used for any further remodeling that might be required. Chief Klassen further stated that Foote Communications had informed him that everything could be accommodated by the station and that all the antennae would fit up on the tower. The only problem being that, if the other 3 agencies wanted to be on the site, we would be able to provide an emergency tower to one agency only with the generator we now have in operation. If the other 2 agencies (South Whidbey School District and Whidbey General Hospital) are going to require the emergency tower, then there would be a need for a new generator, which would cost around \$3,000 plus. It would have to be anywhere from 7.5 to 10 kilowatts.

Gary Gabelein pointed out that it was his understanding that Snohomish Public Works would assume any expenses if they should occur. Bruce Klassen stated that he felt we possibly could get a little more from SNOPAC to help defray costs. Gary Gabelein made a motion to accept Foote Communications recommendations (charging a reasonable one time flat rate site fee, plus a monthly rental charge) and have the contract state that if at some time in the future the building needed to be expanded all parties would foot the bill. Kenneth McClellan seconded the motion; motion carried.

SARATOGA WATER DISTRICT:

Paul Busch suggested that a letter be sent to Saratoga Water District protesting their current billing rate, inasmuch as there is scarcely any pressure available at the Saratoga Station. Ken McClellan agreed that it should be brought to their attention. The commissioners directed the secretary to write the water district accordingly. (Note: Evidently there is no way of increasing current pressure at the site unless the main line is hooked into on the other side of the street. This would cost somewhere in the area of \$1,200, and since neither Saratoga Water District or the Fire District could afford this expense the matter has remained at a standstill. However, as Paul pointed out, he didn't feel that our station at Saratoga was using the \$24.00-worth of water every two months, as currently billed).

ENGINE FOR PUMPER AT FREELAND:

Chief Klassen was asked for a progress report on the Freeland rig. He informed the Board that Stan of Stan's Mobile Service was waiting for gaskets and that as soon as they arrived he would be able to complete the repairs.

There was general discussion on this subject in regard to the engine which Stan had "special" ordered. He had placed the order after an o.k. from Byron Worland and Gary Gabelein, and not before checking with Bickford Ford, giving them all the pertinent information off the pumper engine. Bickford Ford came back with all the information Stan needed and told him that if we went out to Marysville they would supply him with everything that was required. However, the engine did not fit and when Stan called the company they informed him that "special" orders could not be returned for full credit - that they would allow only a 50% credit for return of the engine. The commissioners did not feel that either Stan or the Fire District should be stuck with a useless engine after being informed that it would work. Ken McClellan, therefore, suggested that the Fire District contact our attorney. It was agreed by the Board that Chief Klassen would get hold of Clark Snure as soon as possible and get his advice on the matter.

SNOW TIRES:

Ken McClellan requested that both Chief Klassen and Paul Busch have snow tires installed at the rear of their respective vehicles.

Gary Gabelein made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Ken McClellan seconded the motion; motion carried.

Gary Gabelein made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Ken McClellan seconded the motion; motion carried.


Hazel Dodsworth

Bayview