

*Chief*  
ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, FEBRUARY 2, 1978

Meeting called to order by Mr. Worland, acting Chairman, in the meeting room in the Clinton Fire Station at 7:00 P. M.

Commissioners present: Kenneth G. McClellan  
Byron C. Worland  
Gary R. Gabelein

Others present: Chief Erikson, Marion E. Hunter, Mrs. Elsie Woodford, Larry Alden of Alden Equipment Company and the Secretary.

Minutes of last meeting of January 5, 1978 read by Secretary.

Mr. Gabelein takes exception to the wording in Resolution # 92 which was adopted at the meeting of January 5, 1978 permitting Mr. Gabelein to act as a volunteer fireman, during his tenure in office as a Fire Commissioner, as there was a minor variation in the wording, and not stated exactly as said in the motion. After discussion, in order to appease Mr. Gabelein, Mr. McClellan makes motion seconded by Mr. Worland adopting Resolution # 93 to void Resolution # 92, carried.

In further business in connection with this Mr. McClellan makes motion seconded by Mr. Worland adopting Resolution # 94 to permit Gary R. Gabelein to act as a volunteer fireman only, carried.

Current bills in the amount of \$3,835.97 are on hand and after examination Mr. McClellan makes motion seconded by Mr. Gabelein that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously.

Mike Paul, Whidbey Record Reporter, arrives at 7:45 P. M.

There are applications from two men for admittance to the fire department. They are Pierre D. Verheyden and Alan Bixby. The application from Pierre D. Verheyden is approved and signed by the Commissioners. Two of the Commissioners would not sign the application from Alan Bixby due to the fact that he would not fill it out adequately. They felt this should be delayed and the Chief should talk to this man.

There are applications from two people for the position of Secretary of the District, as the present Secretary is resigning as of March 31, 1978. These are Mrs. Elsie Woodford and Randolph Erikson, presently Chief. There is some discussion with the consensus being that there would need to be some delay on an appointment in this area. Mr. Gabelein makes motion that applications for Secretary be shelved, with a new acting Secretary appointed before the next meeting, no second.

The Chief reports he has received a response to his enquiry relative to traffic lights at the Clinton intersections. He informs that the District would be responsible for the cost of this installation. There is considerable discussion relative to this, no action.

The Chief asks Commissioner approval of the appointment of Scott Hoeck as Battalion Chief and Merlin Carter as Captain at the Bayview Station. After discussion in which Mr. McClellan questions the qualifications of Mr. Hoeck as Battalion Chief, Mr. Gabelein makes motion seconded by Mr. Worland to approve these men as officers in the above

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capacities, carried with a dissenting vote by Mr. McClellan.

There is considerable discussion relative to the training program in the District. Both Mr. McClellan and Mr. Worland state that they feel the Training Officer should be in complete charge of this, with a free hand in administering this program. We only have two men in the District with instructors ratings. They are John Baty and Leland Long. Mr. Hunter requests permission to speak at this time, granted. He says the Training Instructor has told him that he has set up a training drill at some of the stations and no one turned out. He has also made up a list of 125 questions and asked some of the firemen at one station to take this test. Only one man would take this test. He is considered to be one of the better firemen in this group and he only answered 55% right. Mr. McClellan says he wants an answer from the Chief at the next meeting in regard to what is wrong with the training program.

Mr. Gabelein now brings up the matter of new helmets for the firemen. He suggests getting 50 of them now. In discussion Mr. Worland says he would be in favor of purchasing 30 helmets at this time, but not 50. This would be 5 for each station. Mr. Alden brings in a helmet that he has with him to show at this time. There is more discussion but no decision made at this time.

There is now discussion relative to more air paks for the District. The Chief reports we have 4 on the Freeland truck and 2 on each of the other trucks. The Chief is requested to get quotes on prices from several suppliers on helmets and also breathing equipment.

Discussion now turns to the subscriptions for firemen to the Fire Command Magazine. The Chief is requested to take a survey before the next meeting on March 2, 1978 to find out how many men wish to continue receiving this magazine and report.

The matter of organizing the Board of Commissioners is now brought up and Mr. Gabelein makes motion seconded by Mr. Worland to appoint Mr. McClellan as Chairman for the year of 1978, carried unanimously.

Business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 9:04 P. M.

*Ella E. Hunter*

Ella E. Hunter, Secretary  
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