

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS 3 MAY 1973

Meeting called to order by Mr. Henny the chairman at 7.00 P.M. in the meeting room of the Clinton fire station.

Commissioners present: David C. Henny
Lloyd S. Capp
Joseph H. Long

Chief Erikson present.

Also present as visitors: Marvyn Berkelund, Myron Gabelein, Lloyd Carter, Scott Hoeck, John Baty, Ed Nelson, Mrs Hunter, Gary Gabelein.

The chair recognizes the visitors and advises them they will be asked for comments, suggestions, and ideas a little later in the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting on 5 April read and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$ 2530.07 are on hand and examined, and Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that they be allowed and vouchers signed, carried unanimously. Also approved was a voucher in the amount of \$5033.50 to Pacific Northwest Escrow in payment for the property at Bayveiw which was authorized to be purchased at the last regular meeting in April from Mr. Verlane Gabelein. This brings the total of all vouchers to \$ 7563.57 All vouchers are listed on the reverse side this sheet.

The Secretary reports that the money has been paid for the lot and it is now a matter of time for the deed and title insurance to return to complete the transaction.

The Chief now reports on the possibility of housing 946 the 1957 GMC which has been returned from Langley, in the Island County road shed which is immediately across the highway 525 from Pioneer corner. This shed is just inside the County property fence.

Several of the volunteer firemen already work for the County road department, and would have keys to the gate as also would a few of the other firemen.

Bud Baty brings up the matter of heat in the shed to keep the truck from freezing in cold weather, as there is none now. It is admitted to be a problem. Mrs. Hunter suggests it would be in order for the Chief to keep his eye on the problem and if the freezing weather came, to move the truck to a warmer building, which it is mentioned as perhaps being available under these conditions. This is accepted as a good idea.

Chief Erikson reports that 943, one of the small District trucks is now stationed at Langley.

The Chief is asked if he wants to go ahead with the organizing of a department at Bayveiw. The answer is affirmative.

Mr. Long now makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that the Chief be authorized to go ahead with this, carried unanimously.

The discussion now turns to the need for turnout clothes etc, including new alerting receivers for the new men not now in the department and having receivers. There will be need for at least six or seven receivers, and possibly adding an additional tone to some of the existing receivers. There is also a need for 400 feet of 1½ hose for the truck. After more discussion Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the Chief be authorized to purchase the needed 400 feet of 1½ hose, turnout clothes,

and alerting receivers, using his best judgment as to quantities of same up to an amount of \$2000, carried unanimously.

The secretary now brings up the matter of insurance on the new men for the department, whose applications are being processed this evening in the meeting. He says they should be covered before they start to become active in the department. He also feels they should receive the magazine 'Fire Command' which the other men in the departments are receiving. There are eight new men.

After discussion Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that these men be included for insurance and also for receiving the magazine, carried unanimously.

The Chief now reports on the fire alarms received during the month of April of which there were six.

The Chief now reports on a letter received from a man on Camano Island relative to pressing for a County Fire Code. Also a letter from the State Firemens Training department stating there will be no material for the traing program from now until next September.

Mr. Henny now asks for remarks from the visitors present, or any sugestions. They seem to be favorable to the establishment of a fire department at Bayveiw, and Mrs. Hunter says she made her remarks earlier in the meeting relative to the truck at Bayveiw and the problem of heating, or prevention of freezing.

The Chief now asks approval of Mr. Gary Gabelein who is already in the fire department and lives near the new station location as Batallion Chief in the new department.

Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that Mr. Gabelein be appointed to this positon, carried unanimously.

At this time Hunter says he feels that when a new man is taken into the department he should be given a small packet, containing an ID card, book of Bylaws, SOP manual, and a booklet explaining the operation of the Fire District and departments, also stating what the District can do for him, also what the District will expect of him. He also sugest at a later time finances permitting, to issue the man a badge and possibly a firmans cap. Hunter feels this would be a morale builder and giving the man a sense of pride in being in the department, and doing his best.

This thought to be a good idea and The Chief and Hunter are to work together on this.

Mr. Henny now comments on the visitors remarks and thanks them for their attendance, and meeting is adjourned at 8.30.

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