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## ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, OCTOBER 2, 1975

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hunter, the Chairman, in the meeting room in the Clinton fire station at 7:02 P. M.

Commissioners present: Marion E. Hunter Lloyd S. Capp Joseph H. Long

Chief Erikson Batt. Chief Gabelein

present

Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp to dispense with reading of the minutes of last meeting of September 4, 1975, carried unanimously. Minutes stand approved as written.

Current bills in the amount of \$3,797.21 are on hand and after examination Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously. They are listed on reverse side of this sheet.

There are applications from two men for admittance to the fire department. They are James K. Stell for the Bayview station and John R. Richards for the Freeland station. These men are acceptable and the applications are signed.

At this time the Secretary presents the completed forms of the budget for 1976 to the Commissioners for their approval. The budget was discussed briefly at the last meeting. After looking over these forms Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp to adopt resolution #79 budgeting \$61,120.00 for the expense fund, \$6,500.00 for the reserve fund and \$7,000.00 for the G. O. bond fund, for income from 1976 taxes. Expenditures include the above and anticipated additional capital outlay of \$100,000.00 if the bond issue is approved in the November election. Carried unanimously.

The Chief reports the power steering unit has been received and is being installed in 948.

He also reports that the Resusci Baby has been received. Mr. Gabelein now brings this item in to the meeting room to show to the Commissioners and Secretary.

The Chief also reports that he and the Assistant Chief have installed a new roof on our radio transmitter station on Cultus Bay road.

The Chairman new mentions the door openers discussed in a former meeting. The Chief says Mr. MacArthur, our radio service man, suggested putting in another tone for each station in the encoder and also another tone in the door opening radios in each station. Mr. Hunter mentions an estimated figure of \$200.00 to \$300.00 for this installation.

Chief Erikson submitted a very comprehensive report to the Commissioners on his attendance at the Chiefs Conference at the Holiday Inn in Everett.

At this time the Chief reports on calls in the District. He mentions in particular one that was a chimney fire that turned into a roof fire with approximately \$150.00 damage. Another that he mentions was a call for a resusitator. A  $2\frac{1}{2}$  year old boy had fallen in the water. Due to quick action by Cafe patrons at the scene the child was alright by the time the firemen arrived.

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The Chief states that in Oregon they have the same standards for firemen whether paid or volunteer. Mr. Hunter says he agrees with this as he feels any fireman should do his best whether paid or not.

Discussion new turns to method of publicity for the G. O. bend issue on the ballet in Nevember. One suggestion is to make flyers for distribution throughout the District. The Chief feels the volunteer firemen, working in pairs, would be willing to cover the District to pass these out.

Also Mr. Hunter says he would like to get a picture of the truck in the shed at Bayview, in which it is presently housed, in the Whidbey Record to show the cramped quarters, illustrating to the public the need for a station.

There is some discussion as to relative application of the Vertical Standards Act as to governing volunteer departments.

A questionaire has been received in regard to our present supplemental insurance program. There are three option choices. # 1 present coverage is \$6,000.00 accidental death, \$60.00 per week total disability (maximum of 104 weeks) and \$1,000.00 medical payments with a premium of \$349.00. #2 \$20,000.00 accidental death and \$80.00 per week total disability (maximum of 104 weeks) and no medical payments, since Firemens Relief and Pension Fund pays medical expenses, with a premium of \$519.00. # 3 As a supplement to #2 \$1,000.00 medical coverage to extend to nonmembers pressed into service at the scene of a fire.at an additional cost of \$87.00. After discussion the Commissioners decide to stay with #1 our present plan.

A letter has been received from the paid personnel in the District, requesting the Commissioners to enquire into the possibilities of the District entering into the Public Employees Pension Plan, as to costs and benefits. It is agreed to explore this program and the Secretary is instructed to aquire information relative to this plan.

Under visitor comments Mr. Gabelein asks if non-firemen pressed into service are covered under the present insurance plan. It is explained to him that they are covered under our supplemental accident insurance, but not under the Firemens Relief and Pension Act.

Mr. Gabelein also requests approximate cost to taxpayers on bond issue if passed. Mr. Hunter says an estimated guess would be about  $22\phi$  per \$1,000.00 of valuation.

Business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 8:52 P. M.

Ella E. Hunter, Secretary
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