

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 now turns to method of publicity for the G. O. bond issue on the ballot in November. 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 questionnaire 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 acquire 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¢ per \$1,000.00 of valuation.

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

Ella E. Hunter
Ella E. Hunter, Secretary
Island County Fire District No 3