ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, OCTOBER 3, 1974

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

Chief Erikson present Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Ingalsbe Visitors from District 5

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mr. Hunter in the meeting room in the Glinton fire station at $7:00\ P.\ M.$

Minutes of last meeting on September 5th read by Secretary and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$2,983.98 are on hand and after examination Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously. They are listed on reverse side of this sheet.

The Secretary now presents the completed copies of the budget, as adopted by resolution # 76 at the meeting of September 5th, to the Commissioners for their signatures.

The Chief states that Pierce has a \$600.00 allowance for pickup of the new truck at the factory instead of the \$400.00 allowance as reported by him at the September 5th meeting.

To date the Chairman has not been able to check on the division of assets in the case of incorporation of Freeland. In regard to the hearing on this matter, attended by the Chairman and Secretary, it will be put on the ballot in November to be voted on by the people in the proposed incorporated area.

The Chief reports the figures on drill turnouts from December 1st, 1972 to December 1st, 1973 amounted to 741 man turnouts. From December 1st, 1973 to October 3rd, 1974 came to 740 man turnouts. To date he has not had the opportunity to check with the men as to their feelings on turning out on a strictly volunteer basis. He says there will be no income tax on volunteer pay. He feels reimbursement to volunteers would be exempt from payment of minimum wage, as long as no one is staying at the station. The Chairman and Secretary will get more information on wage and hour act at the Snohomish - Island Commissioner meeting to be held at Midway station October 10, 1974 and also at the Washington State Fire Commissioners Association meeting to be held in Vancouver October 24 - 25 - 26, 1974. We need more information on how this act will affect the dispatcher.

The Secretary has been instructed to write a letter to Verlane Gabelein, on behalf of the Commissioners, informing him that the Fire District is not going to pay for part of the paving of the road past the fire District lot to Libbys batch plant. The District has no plans for the present, or foreseeable future for use of the lot purchased from Mr. Gabelein.

The Chief reports that no men will be going to Yakima to the Flamable Liquids School as there are no more openings now.

In regard to the table for Commissioner meetings, the Chief suggested a table 6 feet long by 36 inches at Cairmans end and approximately 60 inches at other end. The Commissioners suggested he have this table constructed.

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Mr. Ingalsbe, representing Frank's Radio & Communications located at Lagoon Point, now addresses the meeting orally, and by presenting a copy of a request letter in which he requests the Commissioners to consider his installation of two small radio antennas on the Districts radio station tower located on Cultus Bay road, and installing equipment not to exceed four cubic feet in volume inside the station building.

Purpose of the installations is for use as a repeater or relay station operating in the Amateur Radio frequency bands. The station equipment would be radio controlled from Lagoon Point.

It is to fill a need for improved radio transmission and reception in the above bands, and covering the area to the South-East of the site.

The particularly important aspect of the installation is in connection with Radio Amateurs at a time of emergency or disaster when there might not be any other means of communication.

There would be no charge for these services to anyone, as it is prohibited by law.

The foregoing statements are not intended to imply that the facilities would be used only for emergencies etc., but for other normal use at times.

The letter presented explains more fully the proposed plan, and a copy of same is attached to, and becomes a part of these minutes.

Numerous aspects of the proposal are discussed and it is agreed to consider the matter further for decision at a later time.

Mr. Ingalsbe thanks the Commissioners for their consideration, and He and Mrs. Ingalsbe take their leave.

The Secretary now turns attention to receipt of a contract from the County for fire protection of County property in the District. The Commissioners feel they need more clarification as to the time period covered as it is not stated in the contract. The Secretary is instructed to get this information and report this to the Commissioners.

The Secretary also reports receipt of a letter from our executive Secretary in Olympia. He requests information as to the enrollment in the schools in the District. The Secretary will get this information and send same to him.

The Chief reports there will be a meeting at Coupeville with the County Commissioners on Monday October 7th at 3:30 P.M. on the matter of fire codes. He asks all the Commissioners to be present if possible. He hopes to get a hearing date set at this time.

The Chief also reports that Pierce Manufacturing was to start construction on the new truck September 24th with a delivery date of November 11th.

In a letter attached to, and becoming a part of these minutes, are a few changes Pierce Manufacturing propose to make in the truck and the Chief has O,K'd, including an increase in cost of \$50.00 for a sign fever water tank guage. This type guage is superior to several other guages including the one proposed in the bid. The changes and additions are concurred in and accepted by the Commissioners.

The buisiness is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 9:12 P.M. Ella E. Sountes

Ella E. Hunter, secretary

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