

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 7, 1972

Meeting called to order by Mr. Henny the chairman at 7.08 P.M. in the meeting room in the Clinton fire station.

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

Chief Erikson also present.

There are no visitors present.

Mr. Capp makes motion that inasmuch as the three commissioners have already received a copy of the minutes of the last meeting on November 2, and there are no corrections or additions the minutes be accepted without reading at this time. Seconded by Mr. Long and carried unanimously.

Current bills from the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet are examined and as they are in order Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that they be approved and vouchers signed, carried unanimously. They are in the amount of \$7055.96.

Under old business the question of acquiring a lot for a future station near Bayveiw is brought up. The Chief reports on the lots that at present are available, one west of Bayveiw and one or two others as being not too desirable. There is one piece just north of the County garage which belongs to Mr. Henny that might be available which is discussed some with no action taken. The Chief is instructed to look further into the matter of a desirable location. Hunter reports he thinks there is a lot next to him at Midvale which might be available, and he feels this would be a desirable location, due to the proximity to the elementary school on Maxwellton road approximately one and one half miles north, and that it is more centrally located than Bayveiw, and also having several volunteer firemen living in the vicinity with several more prospective men also living near as potential firemen.

The Chief now reports under new business, relative to the fire training program in which he feels a need for some three ring binders to issue to each of the members in the training program for them to place their written material to carry to the classes and for future use in this manner. The binders would cost possibly \$1.25 each and about 50 would be needed. There is agreement as to the need and Mr. Capp makes motion, seconded by Mr. Long that the Chief be authorized to go ahead with the purchase, carried unanimously.

An application from Bob Miller a son of one of the Maxwellton volunteers is on hand and the Chief request that it be approved, this is done and signed by the Commissioners.

Attention is now turned to reports by the Chief which he reports on briefly.

The Chief also now reports he has ordered six pair of turnout boots for some of the new men who have come into the department recently and who need larger size boots than the boots presently on hand. This is authorized and Mr. Cap makes the observation that this small type of purchases should be the Chiefs prerogative when there is a need, even in areas of the department operations. He feels that large items of several hundred dollars should be submitted to the board for consideration. The former Chief says he has been trying to get this idea across for the last six months.

Hunter now asks the Commissioners if they have given any consideration to giving the Chief and maintenance man a salary raise for the coming year. He reports that the Clinton Water District is paying Mr. Berkelund \$ 300 per month, and we pay him only

Reinvest \$12,000.

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\$250 per month for half of his time.

There is discussion relative to the Chiefs pay and Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the Chiefs salary be raised from \$ 700 per month to \$800 per month as of 1 January 1973, carried unanimously.

There is discussion relative to the maintenance mans salary. The feeling is that the job should be slanted toward a full time one rather than a part time one, and possibly toward an assistant Chief position. Bud Baty is discussed some by the Chief in this respect. He is also asked if he has any one in mind in this respect. He has several is the reply, no names being being mentioned.

The Chief also reports the future possibility of the fire district taking over the forrest protection in the district, which is at present under the jurisdiction of the Department Of Natural Resources, some time in the future. Hunter says he has discussed this with them in the past but did not feel at that time it would be desirable for the District to do this, although he dose say that if the District had done this at the time he started writing burning permits and had received the moneys available for this service from the DNR, the District would have been able to do this very nicely and possibly come out ahead some financialy.

Discussion now returns to the question of pay for the manintenance man and Mr. Henny is against a raise in salary for him, so the matter is tabled, apparantly a closed issue.

There is no further business and meeting is adjourned at 8.50

Marion E. Hunter

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Island County Fire Protection District No 3.

P.S. There is discussion relative to reinvesting the \$12,000 of expense fund monies which should be back in the fund now from previous investment, the secretary says he has talked with the County Treasurer relative to setting up a reserve fund, and she says that the other fire districts in the County are doing it through investment from the expense fund which accomplishes the same but is simpler in operation, and she reccomeds this method. This is discussed at some length and Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long now makes motion to adopt resolution # 165 to continue our present method of investment and to invest the \$12,000 in 180 day securities, carried unanimously. Hunter sugests the 180 day as this would return the money to the expense fund in early June, and by this time the reserve amount in the 1973 budget would have been collected and then could be invested along with the \$12,000 in one year securities. This fund is being increased to provide for the purchase of a new fire truck, in the future.

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