

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 6, 1969

Meeting called to order by the chairman Mr. Henny at 7.10 P.M. at the meeting room of the Whidbey Telephone Company at Bay View.

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

Minutes of the last meeting on January 2, 1969 read and approved with the addition ~~of the statement~~; in the letter to the Langley Fire Department of a statement that in case no word is had from the Langley Department or the Langley Town Council the present practise of the District receiving and dispatching alarms for Langley will be discontinued on March 15, 1969.

Current bills in the amount of \$ 2771.61 are examined and Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed. They are listed on the reverse side this sheet. Carried.

At 7.27 Mr. Joe Hedgecock, Mr. George Young, Mr. Lloyd Smith of the Langley Town Council, and Mr. Con O Sullivan Chief of the Langley Fire Department arrive as guests of the meeting. They are here in response to a request by the Fire District to attend and discuss a possible sharing of the costs for fire alarm dispatching which at present is carried alone by the Fire District.

Mr. Henny gives a short recap of the alarm facilities as to costs in the past and the present which includes an increase of \$ 75.00 per month as of January 1, 1969.

He states that in other areas where alarm facilities are shared by several departments it is customary to share the costs. The feeling by those present that this is only fair and the question is, how to apportion those costs equitably. The thought is voiced that area valuation for tax purposes, or ability to pay would seem to be as fair as any method.

Without breaking costs down to a very close amount the Districts cost per month is roughly \$ 200.00 Figured on basis of the District and the Towns valuation it would seem that 10% or \$ 30.00 per month would be fair. After discussion all of the delegates from Langley and the District Commissioners verbally agree on this amount which it is agreed shall be paid monthly by the Town on the rendering of a bill from the District, secretary. *Start Feb 1-1969*

It is further agreed that the monthly payment amount shall be subject to review and possible readjustment annually. It is further agreed that the District secretary shall send a letter of confirmation of the above oral agreement to the Langley Town Council.

The question of the District placing a truck in the Town is brought up. Hunter is asked what the status is regarding this. The answer is that it depends on the finishing of the new Maxwellton station as there is not room to house the new truck in the old station, and until the new station can be activated the new truck will have to be housed in the new Clinton station. Remaining to be done at the new Maxwellton station is interior painting, hanging of doors, interior trim, and cleaning and sealing of the floors. Hunter estimates the work should be done by the middle of March.

There is much further discussion regarding the placing of the truck in the Langley Fire station. Mr. Henny asks if there is room to house the truck in the Langley station and the answer is in the affirmative.

The question is raised as to whom shall be in charge of the District truck when manned by Langley firemen and in a rural area working on a District fire. Mr. O'Sullivan Langley Fire Chief says that the District Officer shall be in charge of the equipment when under these circumstances as far as he is concerned, naming District Chief Hunter.

Mr. Smith asks if the radio will be left in the truck, and Hunter replies that it will. Hunter further states the radio operating procedure as now carried out by the District personell shall be continued by Langley firemen when using the truck. This will be one requirement he will insist on. He also request that any time the truck leaves the station for any purpose whether to a fire or routine drill etc that the alarm headquarters be notified prior, by telephone or as soon as the truck leaves the station. The reason being it is necessary to know at all times where the truck is, and its status.

The question of maintenance is brought up and the District Commissioners agree that the District will repair and maintain the truck.

Hunter request that the agreement shall include provision that the District may at any reasonable time or times enter the Langley fire station for purposes of inspection or repairs to the truck. This is agreed by the Langley men present.

Hunter brings up the matter of reports to the District regarding fire alarms. He insists this shall be done, including names of men turning out to the alarm, and the time each man spends thusly. The District shall furnish the report blanks.

Mr. O'Sullivan reports that the Washington Surveying & Rating Bureau when discussing the Langley Department position say they would request no more than six ment respond from Langley to a District fire, in order to leave men in the town to man the Langley truck in case of a fire in the town. This is agreed to.

The matter of gas for the trucks is brought up, and it is stated that the present practise in Langley is to purchase gas at the regular gas stations. Hunter explains that the District purchases its gas in bulk at the County contract price and it is pumped through a tank and pump at Hunters place at Midvale. The current price is approximately .2378 per gallon. Hunter also says he would prefer that the truck pick up the gas this way., through the District pump. This matter is discussed and agreed to leave it more less at the discretion of the departments as to procedure.

Hunter states that he feels there should be a written agreement covering the various aspects of the entire operation spelling out the above mentioned conditions. He also states that after the burck is released from the Maxwellton department he wants to spend whatever time is necessary to go over thruck and repair or service anything which needs it to get truck in good condition, before it is turned over to the Langley dsartment.

Hunter also says that the Langley station should be locked at all times in oder to prevent any unauthorized person, or persons to be able to operate the radio in truck. FCC regulations require this, and a n unlocked station with radio in a truck there is in violation of regulation.

page three of minutes of 6 February 1969 meeting.

The question of how far from the town shall the truck go is brought up. There is some discussion, and Hunter reports that it was verbally agreed by the Langley department a year or so ago that they would be called to fires on the Maple Cove road, Wilkinson road, Sneider road to Kens Korner, Bayveiw road to Lone Lake or possibly Bayveiw, and on Saratoga road as far as Saratoga. This is generally agreed to be reasonable and sufficient.

Included in the above response areas is Sandy Point. The District has had an agreement with the Town of Langley since 1963 for the Town to respond to first alarm fires at Sandy Point for an annual fee of \$ 50.00 per year. This is discussed and The District Commissioners feel that after the District places a truck in the town to use for this purpose as well as to use in the Town for its fire alarms that the fee of \$ 50.00 per annum should be discontinued as only fair, to the District. This question is discussed and it is agreed by all that this fee shall be discontinued after the truck is placed in town. The District shall pay for the portion of the year until this is done. This is also agreed to by all present.

This concludes the business and discussions between the Commissioners and the Langley representatives. They are thanked for their attendance and cooperation, and leave.

There being no further District business the meeting is adjourned at 9.00

Marion E. Hunter

Marion E. Hunter, secretary
Island County Fire Protection District No 3