

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS JANUARY 6, 1966

Meeting called to order by the chairman Mr. Capp at 7.00 P.M. at the public meeting room of the Whidbey Telephone Company at Bayveiw.

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

Minutes of the last meeting on December 2, 1965 read and with the addition of the following; That at the last meeting Hunter was asked if he had asked any of the Battallion Chiefs to attend or any members to attend, and Hunter had said he had forgotten to call anyone, the minutes were approved.

Hunter was asked if any were invited to this meeting and he said that Orville Hunter from Clinton was going to be here as he had an observation or two to make relative to the Clinton station. Hunter had also intended to invite Lincoln Wildes of the Maxwellton department but had not.

Island County Treasurers report is on hand and shows a balance of \$ 2583.73 with warrants in the amount of \$ 64.10 outstanding as of November 30, 1965.

Bills from the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet are examined and Mr/ Henny makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the bills be applowed and vouchers for same be approved and signed, carried unanimously.

Orville Hunter now arrives and is asked if he has any statements to make. He says that a problem could arise with the Clinton Progressive Club regarding the Fire station at Clinton, as it sits on property owned and controlled by the club, if the District decided to add on the building or enlarge. He also reported that there is a parking problem there at present, as there is a truck parked across the entrance to the station at present and if the fire truck had to be taken out this parked truck would have to be moved before doing so.

The Dist. chief also said that on numerous occasions in the past that there were trucks parked partly blocking the driveway, and also confirmed that this is a growing problem, and has been for several years. The problem stems from the operation of Simmons Garage and their parking of used cars, as they own the lot next to the fire station, and there is no fence separating the two properties.

Mr. Allen of the Alden Equipment Company and Mr. Terry Thompson Of Terry Thompson & Company now arrive at 8.10. They report that the ferry was 25 minutes late in leaving Mukilteo.

Mr. Long inquires of the secretary relative to the firemens insurance program of the State. Hunter very briefly explains it and says it is very liberal in its provisions for the volunteer hurt in the line of duty.

An application from Mr. Earl Olsen for membership in the Bush Point department is presentd to the commissioners for approval. In it he states that he had torn a muscle in his heart at some earlier time. Chief Hunter was asked if he considered him able to act as a fireman. Huntere stated he thought so. Hunter also said that the state board for volunteer firemen would pay the standard fee for a doctors examination of prospective firemen if the department decided to require this in the future.

The question of a transfer of the \$ 1000 at present in the reserve fund to the expense fund is considered and Mr. Henny makes motion, seconded by Mr. Long

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to adopt resolution #---40--- transferring this \$ 1000 to the expense fund.
Mr. Copp approves and it is carried unanimously.

There is some discussion relative to a bill received from the State auditors office for the states ~~semi~~ annual examination of the districts accounts at the court house. The bill ~~is~~ for \$ 121.90 As the examination is required by state law there appears to be no way in which the bill can be avoided.

The attention of the meeting is now turned to Mr. Terry Thompson and the subject of his and Mr. Aldens visit to the meeting, namely information relative the possibility, and the mechanics of a general obligation bond issue being submitted to the voters of the district either at a specila election , or at the general election next November.

Just previous to this portion of the meeting the secretary had submitted a copy of an agreement form received from the Freeland Water District, in which the fire district would agree to pay \$8.00 per ^{month} for water use after the water district began to supply water in the area of the Freeland fire station. In addition the fire district would be required to pay for water meter and the connection to the water districts lines.

It is decided to notify the water district that the fire district will hold up for a little time and try and get some estimate from them as to the costs of meter and hookup before signing the agreement.

Mr. Thompson recommended that the agreement be signed. He also said that legally the water district could not hold the district to the agreement anyway.

Mr. Thompson is now asked as to procedure to follow in setting up a bond issue and election.

First step is for the fire commissioners to decide on the amount, terms and length of time for the bonds. Next talk with the County auditor relative the time best suited to have the bond election. Third, engage a competent attorney to draw up the bond resolution and election resolution. Fourth, take the bond election resolution to the County auditor at least 45 days before the date of the election in order to give him time to have ballots printed, and any other details connected with the election taken care of.

Thompson also advises that the volunteer firemen should be taken into confidence and told what is being done, and get their cooperation and help in carrying out the plan. He also recommends having a committee of ladies use the telephone on election day, reminding voters to vote.

During the interem time before election get as much publicity as possible for the program, through newspaper, and also by presenting the plan to as many clubs and organizations as possible soliciting their support.

The election will require a 60% yes vote of 40 % or more of the voters voting at the last general election preceding.

Now assuming the election carries, the bonds would be printed, and the attorney would render an opinion as to the legality of the proceedings and the bonds, after which the bonds could be sold, either all of them or in part. The bonds cannot be discounted so must be sold at par. The bonds can be sold to a firm dealing in this kind of bonds, or sold at public sale.

Mr. Thompson also advises that if the bonds are sold and not all the money used immediately, the balance should be invested by the County treasurer on order of the commissioners.

Mr. Thompson is asked what interest rate the bonds would carry approximately, and he said it would probably vary through the issue according to maturity dates, and would under present conditions run from just over 4 % to possible $4\frac{1}{2}$ % .

When asked as to the length of time of the issue in years, it could run as long as 20 years, and if so, the thinking is, that future taxpayers would thereby be helping to pay some of the costs of the benefits arriving from the bond issue. He also suggests 10 years as a desirable length of time.

Mr. Thompson also advises that for several years the annual need for retiring of due bonds should be overlevyed by probably 10 or 15 % in order to provide a cushion which take care of the bonds in case of a year or two when tax money would be slower in coming.

The investing of the money mentioned a little earlier could be in short term government bonds, picking the series that would mature at the times of need for the money to use for the purpose intended.

Mr. Thompson estimated that the bond printing would cost \$ 200 to 250.

He also said that a \$ 200,000 bond issue for King County Fire Dist, 30 cost that district about \$ 400 attorney fees, employing a Mr. Jim Gay whom he, (Thompson) would recommend.

This concluded the business of the meeting and Mr. Thompson and Mr. Alden were thanked for their attending, and meeting was adjourned at 10.00 P.M.

Marion E. Hunter
Marion E. Hunter, Secretary
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