

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, APRIL 3, 1975

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

Commissioners present:	Marion E. Hunter	Chief Erikson	present
	Lloyd S. Capp	Battalion Chief Gabelein	"
	Joseph H. Long	Instructor Baty	"
		Mr. Archie MacArthur	"

Minutes of the last meeting of March 6, 1975 read by Secretary and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$3,137.89 are on hand and after examination Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously. They are listed on reverse side of this sheet.

Mr. Hunter asks how the distribution of decals for invalids and children is going and the Chief replies that it is going very well.

The Chief reports that the \$100.00 received from the Central Puget Sound Firemens Association was distributed to the various stations on a per man basis.

The Chief tells of four fires that could have been serious that were not reported to the dispatcher. These were seen by firemen happening to go by and putting out the fires. He also told of a man welding a hitch on a car and punching a hole in the gas tank. He tried to weld the hole in the tank and the car caught fire. The Chief was called out on this one.

Discussion now turns to method of financing new station at Bayview. The Chairman says that the County Assesor advises that a special levy on either the September primary or November general election would not be implemented until the 1977 taxes. Discussion re being able to get approval of a special levy. The Chief feels that maybe a small Fire District levy might have a better chance than a large school levy.

This would delay ability to spend money until 1977 when the taxes would be collected. In some previous years up to 74% of the taxes were in by June, with balance mostly in by October.

In last several years the pattern has changed to 50% or slightly more in by June, with balance in September or October.

Bond issue is now discussed. If approved, money would be available as soon as legal work and bond sale could be concluded, probably in a few weeks or several months. This is much sooner than for a special levy.

The Chief says a \$65,000.00 special levy would cost the taxpayers approximately 80¢ per \$1000.00 of property value. The Chief presented in his report a tentative plan for the new station at Bayview measuring 48 X 56 feet.

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Comparison of special levy and bonds.

With the special levy there would be no interest, but a larger tax for one year only.

With the bond issue there would be interest at $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ or more for ten years, with a smaller yearly tax bite each year.

Mr. Hunter says he feels if decision is made to go for the bonds, we should consider all projected needs for the foreseeable future, including basic, the new Bayview station, pay balance of the new truck, extend the Saratoga station. As the mobile radios in all except the Chiefs car and the new truck are sixteen years old, perhaps these should be replaced. Some additional alerting receivers are needed. New transistorized remote control for base station, and also provision for switching in standby base radio in case of failure of regular base station, are some areas for consideration, with some others probable, possibly an aid car.

Mr. Hunter reports that he has talked to several Commissioners in areas that operate aid cars, and their advice is, stay away from this if possible.

He also suggests checking with law enforcement agencies, Doctors, and ambulance operators to determine frequency and extent of such need, before any action taken. This would not be for ambulance service, only for immediate aid.

The Chief offered an estimate of \$4,500.00, by a reliable builder, to extend the Saratoga station ten feet at rear.

In connection with need at Saratoga station, Mr. Hunter offers information that there is only a total of 26 inches in front and rear of truck at present.

The Chief now reads a letter from Lyle Goodrich, State Fire Service Supervisor, in which he asks support to get a proposed cut in his budget restored, in order to implement the drivers training program in next years training program for volunteer firemen. He requests we contact our legislators by letter and telephone (hot line). He estimates the need of 80 people for this program.

Mr. Hunter reports that initiative 504 is now out of committee with a do pass recommendation. This would lift the 106% lid on taxes for Fire Districts if passed.

The Chief now reports that the hose on 953 is not good. The hose couplings came apart at 150 lbs. pressure. This hose is supposed to stand 600 lbs. pressure. He has arranged with Norm Crist to send the hose back.

The Chief would like to purchase 200 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch single jacket hose. He is to inquire into the cost of this hose with the different outfits. Mr. Hunter says he likes American Rubber hose as these are tested on the individual lengths. Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the Chief be authorized to purchase 200 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch single jacket hose, carried unanimously.

The Chief shows a plan for compartments on 949 where the hard suction hose was taken off. He would like to look into the cost of this.

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The Chief feels we should have a Standard First Aid class for firemen in June. He says Gary Gabelein is qualified to teach this class.

The Chairman now reads a newspaper clipping stating that the Coupeville firemen can now enroll in the relief and pension plan.

The Chief mentions that he would like to purchase another barrel pump. We now have one for gas and he would like to have one for diesel.

We now come to visitor comments.

Mr. Gabelein has none.

Mr. Archie MacArthur says the minutes of the last meeting stated his qualifications very well. He has been a good friend of Mr. Ingalsbe since 1948. He says he is happy that Pete Purdum was able to take care of our annual frequency check. As soon as he has a garage built to house his equipment he will move over to the Island, and at that time would like to take over our radio servicing. He has a first class radio-telephone license.

Mr. Baty says Coupeville has qualifications for men coming into the Department and staying in. He feels we should have something along this line.

The Chief also would like something like this, especially a need for more interest in the training program.

Mr. Hunter feels that in the near future we should require the men to have a physical examination in order to join the Department.

Business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 8:47 P. M.

Ella E. Hunter

Ella E. Hunter, Secretary
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