

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS 2, August 1973

Meeting called to order by the Chairman Mr. Henny in the meeting room of the Clinton fire station at 7.10 P.M.

Commissioners present:	David C. Henny	Chief present:	Randolph Erikson
	Lloyd S. Capp		
	Joseph H. Long	Visitors present:	Marv Berkelund Gary Gabelein

Inasmuch as the Chief and Commissioners had previously received copies of the minutes of the last meeting, Mr. Long Makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that thier reading be dispensed with, carried unanimously.

Current bills in the amount of \$ 4449.30 from the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet 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.

The Chief now gives an oral recap of the alarms received during the month of July.

The Chief now gives a rundown of information to date on new truck specs, also reading a letter from Fire Control Northwest re same.

There now follows quite a lengthy discussion relative to wheel base length for a new truck. Also as to water tank size and after discussion the Chief and the former Chief both voice the opinion the District should stay with the 1000 gallon size, which is the size tank on the three last trucks purchased.

For the above size tank there is a question as to whether a 153 inch wheel base truck can be used or need to go to 175 inch wheel base. It is desirable to stay with the 153 inch, it is hoped it can be done, otherwise the entire truck may be too long. This is a matter which will have to be worked out with the builders. A midship pump is also to be called for in the bids.

On hand are some tentative specs and a drawing of plans for a truck of the general size of the truck the District needs.

There is also discussion relative to the desirability of diesel power over gasoline, & it is concluded that diesel would be more economical and probably more trouble free.

One supplier of fire trucks has submitted some approximate figures on a truck with more or less standard body and fittings, compartments, etc. A C900 Ford chassis. Which is a cab forward. Supplied with a Ford 534 CID gasoline, two speed rear axle and five speed transmission cost is \$ 33,086.00 plus tax, without hose or ladders.

The same truck with a Cat diesel of 636 CID without two speed axle is \$ 33,404.00 + tax. If automatic transmission is added to the gasoline job cost would be \$1740 added. If automatic transmission is added to the diesel job, cost would be \$2210.00 added, this is because of the larger engine and higher torque.

The various items are discussed and it is conceded that when hose and ladders and any other small items of equipment are added, overall cost of truck would be in the nature of \$40,000 dollars.

The secretary now explains that there is at present \$16,000 in the reserve fund toward purchase of a truck and with the possibility of another \$4000 or 5000 next year,

\$20,000 could be paid down on a truck and the balance could be handled by selling coupon warrants, which must be paid out of current income during the years but can be issued up to six years. Secretary stresses this would not call for added taxes.

After more discussion Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the Chief go ahead with drawing up specs for bid call for aforementioned chassis with diesel engine, 1000 GPM midship pump, 1000 gallone water tank, and on the wheel base needed necessary for the job. Carried unanimously

The Chief now brings up the question of a vacation for the Chief. How much time and when. No one present is knowledgeable regarding the subject for firefighters, and the secretary is instructed to research the matter and report at the next meeting. The Chief says it is not a particularly pressing matter but feels it should be decided as a policy for the present and the future. Hereto fore there has been no policy and the former Chief at one time took three weeks off but otherwise only took a day or two occasionally.

The Chief now brings up the problem of the failures in the tubed receivers in the Clinton and Maxwellton stations which receive tones and open the doors and operate the sirens. He explains there have been numerous failures in recent months, and feel they should be replaced with the more dependable transistorized type. In an emergency situation such as this is more or less, receivers of the type needed can be had on a two week delivery basis for \$152.50 each plus tax and transportation. A lower cost of approximately \$145.00 can be achieved but delivery would be delayed perhaps as much as eight to ten weeks. There is discussion and in the light of the critical need, Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that two receivers be ordered at the cost of \$152.00 each, carried unanimously.

The Chief now describes the recent visit by himself and Bud Baty at a meeting in Wenatchee relative ambulance operation by fire Districts. The meeting was conducted and chaired by a doctor from Twisp Washington where a rural ambulance is operated. He also reports very briefly on the new ambulance law under which all ambulances operate now. Chief also briefly describes Wenatchees aid and rescue units operated by the fire department.

Chief now reports on the rural numbering system in Island County. There are admittedly several weaknesses which will require some changing etc, but hopes eventually it will become workable and acceptable.

The Chief also reports on progress toward a fire code for Island County. He is chairman of a committee to further work on this.

The Chief also reports on forest fire control and patrol, and feels that in the future the fire District probably will be asked to take this over by the DNR. There is some discussion relative to this.

The secretary now reports that if any fire Commissioner wishes to waive his compensation as a Commissioner it can be done by the executing of a form, which he has on hand.

The Chief now reports that the District will have a booth at the Fair this year, and that the Snohomish County Fire Marshals office will send over two men during the fair to put on demonstrations etc of fire prevention. Purpose is to help the furtherance of a fire code for Island County. This is discussed briefly.

There is no further business and meeting is adjourned at 9.30

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