

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS 3 January, 1974

Meeting called to order at 7.05 P.M. in the meeting room of the Clinton fire station by Mr. Capp acting as chairman, as Mr. Henry the regular chairman had resigned at the last regular meeting on 6 December 1973 to be effective 31 December 1973.

Commissioners present: Lloyd S. Capp
Joseph H. Long

District Chief Erikson present
Bayveiw Battallion Chief Gary Gabelein
also present.

As the commissioners and Chief had received a copy of last meetings minutes Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, carried.

Current bills in the amount of \$3908.80 from the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet are on hand and examined, and Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that they be allowed and vouchers signed, carried.

The Chief now reports on the status of the new truck which has been ordered from Pierce Fire apparatus. He reports that he and Hunter had gone to Seattle recently to inspect a new Pierce truck destined for the town of Brewster, and during the conference with Mr. Crist the representative for Pierce, had gone ^{over} some details of the new truck District 3 had ordered. He and Hunter had decided that an option in the Pierce bid to install a compartment just beneath the rear of the hose bed and above the booster reel compartment would be highly desirable. It is described to the Commissioners and after some discussion Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that this option be accepted and the compartment installed at an increase in price of \$206.00 carried.

The Chief now reports on the fires during the month of December of which there were five alarms.

The Chief now reports that it probably is time to order hose for the new truck as it was ordered without hose. The need is for 1200 feet of 2½ hose and 450 feet of 1½ hose. He has checked with several hose suppliers and feels that Norm Crist of Pierce Fire Apparatus quoted the best price, quoting on Uniroyal hose for 600 # test all polyester at \$1.54 per foot for 2½ and \$1.02 per foot for 1½ hose. He feels this would be in best interest of the District to accept this bid, also reporting that the hose was budgeted for in the 1974 budget. Above prices to be FOB Clinton.

After brief discussion Mr. Capp make motion seconded by Mr. Long that the Chief go ahead and order this hose, carried.

Regarding the above order it has been discussed regarding calling for bids, in a formal call, but inasmuch as the amount is below \$2500 and the Chief has already received quotes from other suppliers and the above bid is lowest for the quality of hose desired there is no need to go to the expense and time of formal call for bids.

The Chief now turns to other business and reports on drilling for the volunteer firemen, and feels perhaps it might be desirable to raise the amount paid the volunteers for turning out to meetings where they actually drill and train in other ways, from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per drill. There is much discussion regarding this, with the thought being voiced that if the volunteers do actually spend time in drills and other training evolutions they should receive more than at present, but to pay them to just go to the station, sign in and play ping pong, cards or pool is not in the best interest of the department.

After some more discussion the feeling is to hold this matter in abeyance till a future time.

The Chief now turns to another matter which should receive serious consideration in the not too distant future. This is the need for a 35 foot extension ladder, as there are numerous buildings in the District that are high enough that only a ladder of this length would reach the roof. A rig to carry this ladder and a central location to house it will need to be given serious thought.

The Chief reports on the alarm system in the new Thriftway store at Pioneer corner. There are several heat and smoke sensors located in the building, which if any of them are activated will ring the alarm phone in dispatch headquarters giving a message of fire. As far as water to supply the two hydrants installed near the store there is none and they are DEY.

The Chief now turns to another matter he feels should be considered for the future. This is the supplying of dress caps and badges to the volunteers, also jacket sleeve emblems. Jackets are also desirable but the volunteers who would desire them should purchase their own, but a standard design and material should be decided on and adhered to to make everyone alike. He has a few samples of patches on hand and shows them, but does say no design has been decided on. He estimates cost to be in the neighborhood of \$75.00 for present need for patches, and can be purchased in Seattle.

After discussion Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the Chief go ahead with this idea at the above mentioned approximate cost, carried.

The Chief now reports on the fire instructor training program of which there will be several classes in February and March for phase two or unit two. This should include the Districts training instructor Bud Baty, and would include advanced classes beyond phase one. There is brief discussion but no action.

Visitor Gary Gabelein is now asked for comments and ~~the~~ he says he hopes there will be no further deaths from fire, during the coming year.

There being no further business meeting is adjourned at 8.40

Marion E. Hunter

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