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ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS 3 FEBRUARY 1972

Meeting called to order by Mr. ^{Henny} the chairman at 7.00P.M. at the District office in the Clinton fire station.

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

Minutes of the last meeting on 6 January read and approved with the addition that the secretary had misplaced the last County Treasurers report and could not find it.

The County treasurers report for December is on hand and shows taxes in the amount of \$ 466.96 collected for the expense fund making a balance of \$ 12026.93 with warrants in the amount of \$ 801.55 outstanding. The report shows taxes for the G.O. bond fund in the amount \$213.75 for a balance of \$22,557.49. Bonds and interest were paid in the amount of \$17,125.00 leaving a net balance of \$ 5432.49

Current bills in the amount of \$ 2486.58 which includes \$ 650.00 for volunteer firemens insurance and pension are on hand and examined. Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that they be allowed and vouchers signed, carried unam. They are listed reverse side this sheet.

Under new business Hunter asks the Commissioners if they will attend the meeting next Thursday evening of the Snohomish-Island Fire Commissioners Association.

Next ~~business~~ business Mr. Henny reads a letter from Chief Hunter stating that he is resigning his position as of 30 April 1972. Hunter now orally states that he would like to retain the position of District secretary at a salary of \$125.00 per month. He also would like to be appointed as assistant Chief with qualification, if, Orville Hunter is appointed as District Chief. The reason given is, that he could in that way in case of need, act as advisor on problems of either a mechanical nature involving the District equipment or radio, also in regard to firefighting etc. He feels his past nineteen years in taking care of these problems would be an asset to the department.

Mr. Capp now makes motion to accept Chief Hunters resignation and including the thanks of all the Commissioners for his years of dedication and service to the Fire District. Seconded by Mr. Long and carried unanimously.

Mr. Long now makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that Hunters request to be District secretary at a monthly salary of \$125.00 and the position of assistant Chief at no salary be included, carried.

There is discussion relative to how the new arrangement would affect the maintenance man and whether there would still be the need for him. It is pointed out that Hunter was not agreeing to continue to do much of the manual work connected with the equipment and building maintaining, so ~~the~~ the need would still be there. Hunters roll would be mostly advisory.

Mr. Long now makes motion to continue Mr. Berkelund in the capacity of maintenance and service at the present salary of \$ 250.00 per month seconded by Mr. Capp and carried unanimously.

Attention is now turned to the qualifications of Orville Hunter to act as District Chief.

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Orville says he feels he has the qualifications to handle the position by virtue of his past fifteen years as a volunteer in the Clinton fire department and as the batallion Chief in that department over these years. He also has the mechanical knowhow and ability to repair and maintain the equipment.

Mr. Berkelund is asked how he feels as to Hunters ability to do the job, and he also feels Orville can and would do it very well.

Mr. Long remarks that over the years he has had respect for the present Chief Hunters judgment and abilities and inasmuch as the Chief has made the reccomentation to appoint Orville to the position of Chief when he retires he feels ~~it is a good~~ it is a good reccomendation and would go along with it. He also feels it could be done immediately with no problems.

Mr. Henny says he thinks that another meeting should be called, inviting the batallion chiefs from the various District departments to attend and get their feelings on the matter as they will have to work with whoever is appointed to the position.

Chief Hunter says he would like to see the Commissioners move faster on it than they had, as it has been four weeks since he announced orally he was retiring the 30 of April to the Commissioners and to date Mr. Henny had done nothing, Mr. Capp said he had called Mr. Erikson briefly, Mr. Long had earlier in the meeting admitted he had had intentions to do several things in this connection but to date had done nothing. Hunter feels it should not be prolonged because if Orville Hunter is appointed he has to have some time in which to make adjustments in his affairs and orient himself in several ways, including refinancing of his logging operation, on which his banker is awaiting word and cannot make a decision until Orville knows definitely what he will be doing. Hunter also says he is anxious and desires to have the uncertainty settled. He feels if the pace is not stepped up the four months time he gave in notice will be up and nothing will be settled.

Mr. Henny now suggests that a meeting be called for next week to go into the matter and asks what evening would be acceptable. The consensus is that Tuesday evening will be the only time available, so Mr. Henny agrees to arrange with the batallion Chiefs to attend.

He asks for the names of these men, who are, Sandy Sandberg Freeland Dept, Rich Howrey Bush Point, Carl Taylor Saratoga, Ran Erikson Maxwellton, Orville Hunter Clinton. He agrees to notify them and request their presence Tuesday evening.

This concludes the businsss and meeting is adjourned at 8.40

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