

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 3, 1972

Meeting called to order by Mr. Henny the chairman at 7.05 P.M. in the meeting room in the Clinton fire station.

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

Minutes of the last meeting on 6 July read and approved with two minor corections, the adding of a figure which had been omitted, and the changing of one figure from \$60.00 per day to, \$9.00 per hour for the State Fire Service instructors as they go out to the various classes they instruct.

Island County Treasurers report is on hand and shows taxes in the amount of \$667.67 for the expense fund with warrants in the amount of \$ 661.30 outstanding for a balance of \$ as of June 30.

The G.O. bond fund shows taxes collected in the amount of \$316.68 for a balance of \$6920.01 as of the above date. There has been invested \$ 12,000 from the expense fund in 90 day securities, and \$10,000 from the G.O. bond fund in 180 day securities.

Chris and George Henny, young sons of Mr. Henny are at the meeting as guests and at 7.15 Mr. Sandy Sandberg batallion Chief at the Freeland station arrives as guest of the commissioners at the request of the District Chief.

Mr. Capp now makes motion that the current bills be allowed and vouchers approved and signed. They are from the firms and individuals and in the amount of \$ 4637.64 listed on the reverse side this sheet. Motion seconded by Mr. Long and carried unimously.

Under new business the Chief reports that he had contacted the State office regarding attendance at a fire school at Yakima, and had not received a reply.

The Chief reports he has ordered the newetone encoder, but delivery will be in two months. This encoder was authorized at the meeting in July.

He also reports that the 1½ hose he had ordered and gotten authority at the last meeting had arrived a few days ago.

The Chief reports on the fending for the radio base station price. Says Sears asked \$400 and could not supply some small items needed for the job, so he contacted Groom Building Supply re same and they will supply everthing for this job at \$ 385 plus sales tax, and will supply it in a day or two.

The price seems reasonable and Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the Chief go ahead with this project, carried unimously, at the above price. There will probably be a few small items such as cement etc. needed in addition to the above material.

There is now discussion regarding a bulkhead and fence needed along the south and east side of the Clinton lot. It is agreed to be a necessity. There is on hand a bid from Simmons Builders in the amount of \$ 1470. plus tax to install the concrete bulkhead along the south side and the entire east side with sockets for fence posts. This would include anchor wings into the lot for strength, plus reinforcing. Erikson estimates a cost of \$200 for the fenceing to be placed on the bulkhead. After discussion Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that this project be authorized at the above prices, cabried unimously.

While attention is centered on fencing Erikson says it will take approximately \$ 500 for material to fence the Freeland station lot on the ~~south~~^{2144th}, east, and west sides. Height of the fences at the Radio station lot and the Clinton station lot is to be 6 feet ~~with overhanging barbed wire.~~

Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the Chief go ahead with this project, carried unanimously.

The Chief now reports that recently when a car fire alarm was received for the Freeland station area, he responded, and about six Freeland firemen arrived in cars but without the fire truck. They reported they could not get the truck started, but on investigation the Chief found the master battery switch had not been turned on, and that the truck was alright and started. The car fire luckily was minor with little damage and extinguished by other means. (happy day! sec'y).

The Chief now reports on a house fire on the Jewitt road on the previous Sunday. The house was empty and after investigation by several of the battallion Chiefs it was more or less concluded the fire could have been set as there was no electric wires or any other means which could have started it at the point of origin.

He also reported that the man who turned in the alarm said the response of the fire departments was in his opinion very fine as to the time reporting nine minutes as the time from alarm to arrival.

The Chief also reported one Maxwellton man had turned out without his turnout gear on and he had asked him not to go, but that he went anyway, and during the course of the activity this man had stepped on a nail in a board which penetrated his foot.

The Chief now reports on a meeting he had attended at the Freeland fire station with Puget Sound Power & Light Company officials and Con O'Sullivan and others regarding Puget Powers request ^{for} the permit they are seeking for a power plant installation between the Coles road and the Brooks hill road. This plant is to be driven by a large engine deisal fueled. He reads the minutes of the meeting. After this meeting and another one he attended the permit was granted by the County for the plant.

As a result of the previously mentioned house fire the question of Puget Power being called in case of building fires as a regular standard procedure was discussed. Erikson said Mr. Bucklew told him they were supposed to be called. This has not been standard procedure as the firemen, or battallion Chief on the fire in the past has called if it was necessary to the dispatcher and requested it. The former Chief says that in the past there have been many instances when Puget Power was not needed and this is the basis for the present procedure. He also reports that on the mainland in departments who handle many more alarms and building fires than District 3 use the method in use by this fire district. The Chief is instructed to check with Puget Power regarding this aspect.

Mr. Hennynow states he feels he would like to know of building fires alarms at the time of the incident, so that he could respond and if necessary could lend a hand or other assistance if needed, or possibly bring away from the fire some ideas for improvement. He feels as a commissioner and the commission chairman he should know of these fires. Also voices the thought the other commissioners ~~also~~ should know.

Ex Chief Hunter voices the information that since his retirement from the Chiefs position he has turned out to only one fire alarm, and that was one which his wife had handled at the alarm desk, and after the regular dispatcher had arrived he and his wife had gone to the scene. One fire truck had returned to quarters and the other one was ready to return. He says he does not want to embarrass the new Chief by his presence, and to give him the feeling he is snooping or looking for items to criticize.

Mr. Long says this is his feeling exactly, regarding his attendance at fires.

Mr. Henny asks regarding whether it is possible to set up a Plectron receiver with any method to receive five tones, one for each of the five District station alerting tones, without having to monitor all traffic on the frequency. They are capable of receiving only four tones including the two needed for common and station tone. Another alternative is to monitor whatever comes in on the frequency. This Mr. Henny does not care to do. He now requests the Chief to inquire into any alternatives there are available, which Erikson agrees to do.

There is some further discussion regarding the need for a few more receivers for the Freeland department as there are only twelve there at the present. The cost of receivers is discussed. The original sixty purchased cost \$177 each. Chief Erikson says he checked with Alden Equipment Company who handle the Plectron receivers and they tell him the price is approximately the same as it was several years ago.

After more discussion it is agreed the need is there and Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that the Chief be authorized to order three more receivers. Total cost will run possibly \$200 each. Carried unanimously.

Chief Erikson now reads a letter he has received from the State Highway Commission regarding his request for information etc. on a traffic control light on Highway 525 at the intersection with Central Avenue.. The letter sets forth conditions for the installation etc. There is discussion regarding this and the need for a light, Chief Erikson says exchief Hunter had pointed out to him the need for a light at the intersection of Lake Drive and Central Avenue, which he agrees is needed, but would be involving the County instead of the State, making two different agencies to deal with. There is no action taken at this time.

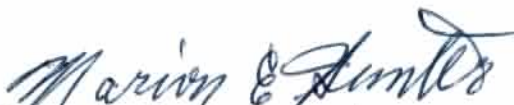
Secretary Hunter now reports on the two small high pressure pumps the District advertised for sale in the State Commissioner bulletin. The fire Chief at Ephrata Washington of Grant County Fire District 13 had called him and said they would take both of the pumps but would not be able to come over to get them before the middle of August. Hunter also reports he has had three other calls in regard to these pumps, one from Snohomish 15, one from Jefferson County, and one from Whitman County.

Chief Erikson now reports he has had word from the Leff system regarding his application for entry into the system, and they advise he is too old to enter and that he should go along with volunteer firemen's program. He reports he is looking into any other possibilities that may be available, especially regarding health insurance coverage.

Mr. Sandberg who has been sitting in the meeting as an observer is now addressed by Mr. Henny relative to his feelings as to the morale in the Freeland department. A discussion is carried on and Mr. Sandberg feels the morale in the department there is fairly good.

The Chief now reports on the training program which is in the process of forming. He and Bud Baty are planning on visiting each station with this program, hopefully on a once a month basis. This would seem to be desirable, and effective.

Mr. Sandberg is now thanked for attending and the meeting is adjourned at 9.10


Marion E. Hunter, secretary
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