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Bonds drawings

⊗ Dist to refill extinguisher used at time fire dept would have been called as was called

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS FEBRUARY 3, 1966

Meeting called to order by the chairman Mr. Capp at 7.00 P.M. at the public meeting room of the Whidbey Telephone Company at Bayveiw.

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

Minutes of the last meeting on January 6 read and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$ ^{667.25} ~~767.25~~ examined and Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Henny that the bills be allowed and vouchers to the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet be approved and signed. Unanimously carried.

The agreement which was on hand at the last meeting in January, with the Freeland Water District, for the district to furnish water to the fire District at Freeland Fire Station after the water system is finished at the rate of \$ 8.00 per month for 1000 cubic feet of water, is on hand and Mr. Henny makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the agreement be signed. Carried unanimously.

The secretary reported on the last report on valuation that had been received from the County Assessor for the District 3 in which it showed that the Hospital district was levying only .75 of a mill of taxes this year, and the Cemetery district No 2 which does not include any of Fire District No 3. ~~Therefor on the basis of this set of figures the secretary felt that the fire district should have been entitled to~~ the was levying .25 of a mill. On the basis of these figures the secretary felt that the Fire District should have been entitled to the .25 of a mill which would be left in Fire District No 3. He reported he had called Mr. Mecklenberg the Assessor regarding this, and Mr. Mecklenberg had replied by letter which the secretary had on hand and proceeded to read. The letter states that Mecklenberg was applying the ruling by the Attorney general that the law passed at the last Legislature limiting the 1966 tax of fire districts and other districts of like nature to the dollar value of that district in taxes to that of 1965, which in the case of Fire District No 3 was 3 mills.

The Chief showed the Commissioners snap shots he had taken of the Clinton fire station since last meeting which showed the junky condition around the station, with old cars on the south side of building backed up the wall of station, and in front of station Simmons garage auto wrecker parked partly on the drive way in front of the station, this latter making it difficult for the fire truck to be taken from the station with ease or safety, and clearly in violation of state law.

⊗ The Chief now mentioned the subject of: shall the Fire District refill at no charge to the owner, ~~or~~ a fire extinguisher which is used to extinguish ~~the~~ ~~extinguished~~ a fire at a time when the fire department has been called to the scene for this purpose. He states it has happened a few times during the past several years, and he feels it is only fair to do this in bonafide cases of this kind.

A motion is made by Mr. Henny ~~that~~ seconded by Mr. Long that this be allowed, if, in the judgement of the Chief it is justified. Carried unanimously.

Mr. Ren Erikson and Mr. John Patton of the Maxwellton department now arrive as guests of the meeting.

Mr. Erikson and Mr. Patton are asked if they have any comments or questions they would like to make, or ask. Mr. Erikson says that after the chief left Maxwellton station last Monday evening the men there at the station talked about the chief remark the chief had made relative to the district perhaps being able to start a payprogram of some kind for the volunteer firemen if the district could be relieved of using current operating funds for capitol purchases by the passing of a bond program for this purpose. He said that the feeling among the fire men was, that they were not in favor of this sort of thing advancing as one of the reasons that they would in a sense lose their identity as volunteers. Mr. Henny asks Mr. Erikson how he feels about the morale of the men in the Maxwellton station, and he replied he thought it was good.

The question of putting a bond issue on the ballot next fall was briefly explained, stating the possibility of a need for building a new station at Maxwellton large enough to house a new truck and a tank truck, and the possible need for another, larger site for same. Mr. Patton is asked if he would consider selling the district a lot for this purpose. He replies that he would, and suggests a location a little north and on the opposite of the road from the present site. Hunter is asked what size he would consider satisfactory for the purpose. He suggests a 100 by 150 foot size as being adequate, but qualifies to the extent that it could be another size if necessary.

Hunter asks the commissioners if they would make a trip of inspection of the possible site next week.

Mr. Patton also suggests that a water tank of 500 or 600 gallons capacity would be desirable at the station for filling the tank on the truck after a fire.

Mr. Erikson also suggests that a tank truck would be desirable for that station.

There was some further minor discussion relative to these problems but nothing definite came out.

Mr. Erikson feels bonds would be a good thing if they would solve the capitol outlay problem, although he says it has been some years since the school district had used this method for financing. He also states that when they had done so they had called for bids on the bonds in order to sell them to the best advantage.

There is no further business and meeting is adjourned at 9.30

Marion E. Hunter

Marion E. Hunter, Secretary
Island County Fire Protection District No 3

PS: Mr. Erikson, after the meeting was adjourned and he was ready to leave volunteered the information that he was much impressed with the improvement in John Baty in his actions at recent fires. He said he was about his business at the recent Ewing fire quietly and very efficiently.