

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OCTOBER 5, 1972

Meeting called to order by Mr. Henny the Chairman at 7.00 P.M. in the meeting room at the Clinton fire station.

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

Guests present are: W. Moore, L. Wildes, H. Hagglund, E. Nelson, J. Baty.

Minutes of the last meeting on September 7 read, and approved with the following corrections. Reference to a letter read showing location as Sunlight Beach should have been Holmes Harbor. Reference to a four foot high fence around the Freeland fire station was in error as the Chief had not said this, but that it would be a six foot high fence without barb wire at the top. The secretary explained that he had assumed the four foot height, in the discussion covering the fence at the Clinton station the Freeland fence had also been covered leading to the error. The secretary requested that in the future only one item be discussed and gotten out of the way before going to another, thereby eliminating this type of error.

During the discussion at the September meeting of the Chief attending the annual Fire Chief conference at Yakima a motion granting permission to the Chief to attend was not made. The Chief did attend and now brought to the attention of this meeting this omission. Inasmuch as it was the intention of the Commissioners to grant this permission at that time, Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that this be done and the permission be granted, so that the record be complete. The secretary again points out that inasmuch as attendance at the Oil Fire Control school also at Yakima was being discussed, he did not realize two different meetings were being discussed, or he would have called for a clarification, and in all probability gotten this corrected at the time. Motion carried.

Current bills in the amount of \$ 2225.68 from the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet are on hand and examined. Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that they be allowed and paid, carried unanimously.

The visitors are now recognized and asked for any remarks they might care to make. Except for Mr. Baty they are all from the Maxwellton fire department. Mr. Wildes the Battalion Chief reports that the morale at the station is very good.

The Chief now reports the new encoder is installed and is working fine at the alarm dispatch center.

The secretary reports that he had checked the receiver at Saratoga fire station and it is working very good.

The Chief now reports on the recent fire at the school. The report is that it was apparently set, but at this time not determined how or by whom. He also reports he spent the larger part of two days at the school on the investigation with the school authorities and State Fire Marshal.

The Chief also mentions that the Whidbey Island Record did not report any participation by the District men or equipment at the school fire, but that Hunter had called the editor and called it to his attention. The editor told Hunter that Con O'Sullivan had told him the Districts trucks or men had not been used therefore he thought it unnecessary to mention it. Hunter told him that as long as they had reported to the scene in good faith they should be given recognition. Also that at least Mary Berkelund and Chief

Erikson and possibly one other District man had stayed until the end assisting in the mop up and overhaul of the fire scene. The editor promised to correct the matter in the next paper which he did in a small way, mentioning very briefly the two trucks, 14 men.

The Chief reports that in order for residents to get burning permits it is necessary for them to call the DNR at Sedro Wolley. The Chief also reports on the recent fire at the Clinton laundromat. He was on the scene within $\frac{1}{2}$ minute and it was quickly extinguished with a dry chemical extinguisher.

Going back to the school fire Baty reports on two items he thought were wrong with the procedure; one, no general evacuation of the school was carried out, and two, school children were apparently put to work carrying out materials and other items from the burning area. The Chief was asked if he knew if the law requires that evacuation be done under these conditions. Mr. Henny suggests that the Chief along with the Langley fire Chief ask the school officials regarding evacuation etc under fire alarm conditions. There was quite a lengthy discussion among all present regarding the above.

The Chief now makes a lengthy report on the Chiefs conference he attended, covering many items of interest, especially the film on Medic 1 of the Seattle fire department. He feels it was a profitable meeting for him in the information he received, also on meeting men from other fire departments and gathering information which will be of value to him in the future.

Chief Erikson now reports he has had no new information from the Gabeleins relative to their lot and house moving next door to the Clinton fire station.

Mr. Baty now reports that Jack Cooper was over this day relative to the 'Operation Support'; the new concept fire school for this District's fire departments. This school will run for one year and first class will be on October 30. There is hope to have the majority of the district firemen present for several classes then to divide into two groups and alternate between two stations with the same topics for each.

Chief Erikson now reports he has had no information from Rosemeyer regarding the cost of installing traffic control lights on 525 by Foodtown.

Under old business, the question arises, who will pay for the extra radio receiver ordered after the August meeting at which only three receivers were authorized and four were ordered, the fourth to be used by Mr. Henny. There is discussion regarding this with Mr. Henny abstaining. At the August meeting the fourth receiver had been discussed and the Chief was instructed to inquire into what is available to receive on several frequencies, but no further action taken.

Mr. Capp now makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the District pay for the receiver for Mr. Hennys use, carried with Mr. Henny abstaining.

An application from Mr. Leland Long to join the Maxwellton fire department is on hand and approved and signed by the Commissioners.

The Chief now reports that Sandy Sandberg Freeland Battalion Chief had notified him that Jack Eskenazi had been elected Captain, Bruce Bevers as first lieutenant, and Gary Gabelein as second lieutenant at a meeting of the Freeland department

Chief Erikson now reports that there is still need for a fence around the Maxwellton station. Secretary Hunter says that Mr. Grubb told him several years ago that he was going to build the fence, and in fact had placed the corner posts but since had done no more. It is suggested that the Chief make inquiry into this with Mr. Grubb to find out if he still intends to do this. Mr. Wildes says he will check with Mr. Grubb.

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There is discussion regarding the fence and it is agreed the District should probably build the fence, but no action is taken. The Chief will report back on the matter.

Chief Erikson reports he has had no report from other departments relative to pay for their men who act as instructors for their fire school classes, and the information he has is very meager.

There is no further business and the visiting firemen are thanked for their attendance and meeting is adjourned at 9.50

Marion E. Hunter

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