

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS 2, NOVEMBER 1972

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

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

Chief Erikson also present.

George Henny young son of Mr. Henny is also present as a guest of the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting on 5 October not read as each Commissioner and the Chief had each received a copy during the month and there were no additions or corrections.

Current bills in the amount of \$3456.27 from the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet are on hand and examined, and Mr. Capp makes motion, seconded by Mr. Long that they be allowed and vouchers signed, carried unanimously.

Under old business, the Chief brings up the matter of pay for the District fire instructor for the school which has been started for all District firemen. The first class was on October 30 at the Freeland fire station. It is explained by the Chief that for each class conducted, there will be required several hours of preparation on the part of the instructor prior to the actual class room work. He feels that a fee of \$ 12.00 per session would be acceptable. There will be 21 classes during the year if none are missed. He also explains that Baty the instructor if need be will help a fireman or several of them who may be forced to miss a class during this time, to make it up at other times and will not collect for it. After some further discussion Mr. Long makes motion, seconded by Mr. Capp that the instructor be paid \$12.00 per class session, carried unanimously.

The question arises regarding Buds Sales & Service charges for recharging fire extinguishers if they are in line with current charges by others in the business. The Chief says the charges are competitive and reasonable, and he sees no conflict of interest. Hunter explains that with CO 2 extinguishers, Baty has to take them into Seattle to have them recharged and doesn't clear anything on them.

Under further new business the Chief brings up the need for a strip of black topping in front of the Saratoga fire station. He has gotten prices from several concerns doing this kind of work and that Emmett Kramer of Freeland gave the lowest price at \$239.00 plus tax for a strip the width of the station drive and between the building and the road black top edge.

Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long the the Chief be given permission to go ahead with this project, carried unanimously.

There now is discussion regarding the fencing and completion of the ditching around the sides of the Maxwellton fire station. The fencing to be on the west, north, and east sides and the ditches on the north and east sides to be tiled and filled with gravel. Cost is estimated at approximately \$650.00 plus tax for both jobs. Knaplund Hardware is lowest in price for the fencing and posts. The firms who do the tiling of ditches and backfilling with gravel have not as yet come up with cost figures, so the above price is only an estimate, based on known figures for the fence and guessing on the other.

After discussion, Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the Chief go ahead with these projects if the firm prices are in the neighborhood of the above figures. Carried unanimously.

The Chief now brings up the need for kitchen cabinetts for the Clinton station, including sink and drain.

Lowest price he has is from Groom Appliance and T.V. at \$ 273.90 plus tax for a size suitable for the installation. It is agreed the need is there so Mr. Long makes motion, seconded by Mr. Capp that they be purchased from Groom, carried unanimously.

There is now discussion of the need for better refrigerators in the Clinton and the Maxwellton stations plus one for the Freeland station where there is none. The machines at the two stations were given to the departments several years ago and are not very satisfactory, as they do not work good. The Chief has a firm quote from Groom and has quotes from several other dealers and Groom quotes \$ 175.00 each for two 11 foot machines Frigidaire by brand, which is at least \$10.00 or more lower than the lowest of the others. Marv Berkelund has a good used machine for sale for \$ 75.00 of about the same size. The Chief recommends that two new one be purchased, one for Maxwellton, one for Clinton and the used one for Freeland. After discussion Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that the Chief go ahead with the purchase of two new machines and the used one at the above prices plus tax, Carried unanimously.

Chief Erikson now reports that the Langley fire chief told him that there was complete evacuation of the school children at the time of the recent fire there in the school. There had been some question whether this has been done and the Chief had been instructed to inquire further into this. Mr. Henry says he is not satisfied with this answer and suggest there be some further investigation regarding this.

Under other business the Chief reports that some trees on the next door lot to the Clinton fire station which had been shedding needles on the station roof and clogging the downspout had been removed and cut into wood by the son in law of the lady who lives there.

The Chief also reports that the fence around the Freeland fire station lot is progressing very well, the work being done by himself and Marv.

Mr. Capp now reports on the Snohomish & Island County Fire Commissioners Association meeting which the Chief, Mr. Long and himself attended recently. The report is that the greater part of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of Snohomish Countys new hydrant ordinance.

Secretary Hunter now reports on the State Fire Commissioners Conference he attended recently at Yakima.

Mitch Doumit an attorney at Cathlamet, and the former fire chief there gave a very interesting and informative talk, with the highlight of it being, that fire district Commissioners can be sued, and there was only two ways to protect themselves from such, and they were to not operate fire departments, which they can not very well do or, to carry all the liability insurance they can.

The question of transfer of funds from the expense fund to the reserve fund was also brought up and the gentleman from the State auditors office could not give an answer, but promised to look up the information and advise on it.

Hunter also now reported to the Commissioners that they were in violation of the law in not paying themselves the \$25.00 per day which is stated in the fire district laws they shall do. Hunter reported that the gentleman from the State attorney generals office told the meetin that it was necessary for them to do so and receive the money or warrant in their hands, then they could do anything they wished with it, even to giving it away or destroying it.

But he stressed they had to take it.

It is now discussed at length and the feeling is that they want to stay within the law. In order to do this Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that they be paid the \$25.00 per meeting as per the law, carried unanimously.

The Chief now reports on the first fire department training session conducted by Mr. Baty last Monday. He says the meeting was well attended by perhaps 30 men and the interest was very good, and that the instructor he feels did a very good job. There was some further discussion regarding the training program, but no action taken.

This concluded the meeting and it was adjourned at 8.45

Marion E. Hunter

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