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ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, MARCH 4, 1976

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hunter, the Chairman, in the meeting room in the Clinton fire station at 7:00 P. M.

Commissioners present:	Marion E. Hunter	Chief Erikson	present
	Joseph H. Long	Asst. Chief Berkeland	"
	Kenneth G. McClellan	Batt. Chief Gabelein	"

Minutes of last meeting of February 5, 1976 are read by Secretary and approved as read with one minor correction.

Current bills in the amount of \$4,384.20 are on hand and after examination Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. McClellan that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously. They are listed on reverse side of this sheet.

There are applications from two men for admittance to the fire department. They are Wilfred R. Surface for the Bayview station and Kenneth H. Gillette for the Bush Point station. These men are acceptable and the applications are signed.

The Chairman now reports that Mr. Graff, the architect, will not be at this meeting due to illness. He suggests holding a special meeting to meet with Mr. Graff and this is set for Tuesday March 16, 1976 at the Clinton fire station at 7:00 P. M. The Secretary is to get a notice in the Whidbey Record to advertise this meeting.

Mr. Graff, at a meeting with Mr. Hunter and the Chief at Saratoga, said that he would draw the plans for the addition to the Saratoga station for \$200.00. He has been instructed to go ahead with this.

At this time there are comments made about the legislative report received. It is now required to have signs on vehicles with exempt license tabs stating "For Official Use Only". These signs are now available through the Washington Fire Commissioners Association and will be ordered.

The Chief suggests advertising for a two horse siren for the Saratoga station as there is a need for a better siren there.

The Chairman reports on his and the Secretary's attendance at the Washington Fire Commissioners Association meeting and banquet at the Holiday Inn in Everett on February 14, 1976. This meeting was very well attended. County Commissioner Carl Mecklenberg and wife also attended as guests. Mr. Mecklenberg was one of the guest speakers.

The Chairman now reports on his attendance at a meeting to check on a 911 reporting system for Whidbey Island based at a central location. The plan was to have this based at Coupeville. In discussion it was brought out that we already have a 911 system in operation on South Whidbey. We also have a more reliable telephone system in our District. It was decided there was no need to include Fire District 3, but to work toward improvement for the rest of the Island.

The Chief reports that Floyd Lundgren will install a water line from his water system to the edge of the Bush Point station lot if the District will pay for the pipe. It is decided to do this to get water into the station.

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The Chairman asks the Chief if there has been any progress made on the problem at the Freeland station with the door opening when the radio is keyed when the truck is running. He says he has talked with Archie MacArthur and Jim Alden about this but so far they haven't come up with a solution.

The Chief now reports that he has sent in his registration to the Command School in Yakima in April for four days. Mr Long makes motion Seconded by Mr. McClellan that the Chief attend this school, carried unanimously.

The Chief now reports that Nichols Brothers Boat Works used the District tanker for four hours March 4th. The Secretary is instructed by the Commissioners to send them a bill for same.

The Chairman now calls attention to the District entering into the Public Employees Retirement System on behalf of the District paid personnel, excepting the Secretary. There is discussion relative to this and also the paying up of the arrears disability payments to the Volunteer Firemen Relief and Pension Fund for the years of 1953 - 1954 - 1955, which legally should have been paid for those years. This can be done with the payment of \$3.00 per man for each of those years plus interest at 1 percent per month to date of payment. Total cost is estimated at approximately \$ 1,600.00

Cost of entering in to the Public Employees Retirement System would be approximately \$4,800.00, which would cover delinquent employee contributions. These can be paid by the District. There is further discussion relative to this and it is pointed out that this can legally be done and would need to be in lieu of a salary increase for 1976 and possibly for 1977. Percentage wise this would be approximately 19% to 22% based on present salaries. Mr. McClellan voices the opinion that if we can handle this he would like to see it done.

Some research has been done and the Secretary reports that with careful management of finances, including capital outlay, this can be done this year.

Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. McClellan adopting resolution # 82 that the District enter in to the Public Employees Retirement System on behalf of the Chief, Assistant Chief and Dispatcher and to pay up the employee arrears contributions for prior years in lieu of salary increases, carried unanimously.

Mr. Long now makes motion seconded by Mr. McClellan adopting resolution # 83 to pay up the arrears disability payments to the Board for Volunteer Firemen for the years of 1953 - 1954 - 1955 with interest to date, carried unanimously.

The Chief feels there is a need for a high pressure air compressor for filling breathing mask bottles. There is discussion with the thought advanced that rather than purchase too small and light a compressor which could be short lived, better to wait until finances permit acquiring a better unit.

Gary Gabelein now demonstrates smoke and fire detectors, which he is selling at the present time. These are equipped to dial the telephone and relay a message or activate a siren in case of fire when there is no one in attendance at scene.

Business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

Ella E. Hunter

Ella E. Hunter, Secretary
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