

Let Henry Magnusson

ISLAND COUNTY FIREPROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

Regular meeting of the Commissioners February 7, 1963

Meeting called to order by the chairman Mr. Malone at 7.00 PM at the Whidbey Telephone Company office at Bay View .

Commissioners present: James T. Malone
Lloyd S. Capp
David C. Henry

Minutes of the last regular meeting on January 3, read and approved as read.

Mr. Henry reported that he had talked to Mr. Magnusson at Freeland regarding the purchase of a lot from him for a location for the freeland fire hall. Magnusson was not too interested in selling at all, but said if he sold he would not take less than \$ 1000 per acre, and then would only sell in the whole piece of property, Mr. Henry agreed to try again to talk to him, but was not too optimistic about the outcome.

Hunter reported that the radio base station at Batys was the only thing using current there , and thought that the District should pay at least half of the minimum charge by Puget Power which is \$ 5.00 per month, or \$ 10.00 each two months. Mr. Henry made and Mr, Capp seconded, to pay half of this charge.

Hunter reported that there would be a special meeting ~~off~~ of the Freeland Merchants Association On February 12 to consider the location for the fire hall. The Fire Commissioners are to be present.

Hunter requested permission to order shielding harness for the New Ford, and the little GMC in order to reduce ignition noise from the engines. Mr. Capp made motion and Mr. Henry seconded to go ahead and order same.

There was discussion regarding the District contracting with the town of Langley for fire protection for Sandy Point, in order that the people there to receive lower insurance rates. The consensus of opinion is that we do not care too much about it, but might have to do something about it.

There is to be a delegation from the town and Sandy Point to meet later this evening to discuss the matter.

This portion of the meetnign is adjourned at 8.30 and the group go to the basement meeting room to meet the the aforementioned gentlemen who are already arriving.

8.35 PM this special meeting under way and about a dozen men are present. Mr. Malone is in the chair and states that the Commissioners do not like the contract which has been presented for consideration. Mr. Robert Smith president of the Sandy Point Owners Association states that the action has been instituted by the association, and not the Town of Langley.

Mr. Capp asked what the town would consider a fair price for the protection. After some discussion a figure of \$ 100 per year was mentioned. Hunter reported that in nine years there had been only three alarms at the point which had called for action by the firedepartments of the district, but that he had on two or three occasions been called regarding minor grass fires.

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The matter of jurisdiction over the firemen of the district who might be called to the point on any alarm was discussed, and Hunter stated he was not happy with the paragraph which stated that they (the district firemen) would be under orders of the ~~the~~ town chief, as he thought this would not be in the interest of good firemanship.

The Commissioners also objected to the matter of the town not being liable to the district for a failure to act or not in the matter of simultaneous alarms in the district and the town at the same time.

The result of this meeting with these gentlemen was that a new contract would be drafted, leaving out the matter of jurisdiction, and that neither the town or the district would be liable to each other.
A figure of \$ 50.00 per year was tentatively agreed on for the service.

Con O Sullivan invited the district firemen and Commissioners to attend their open house at their new fire hall when it is completed in the near future.
He was thanked for the ~~invitation~~ invitation.

Mr. Henny served coffee to all present .

Meeting is adjourned at 9.35


M.E. Huhtert Secretary.