

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.3

REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 13, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman Kenneth McClellan. Also present were Byron Worland, Bruce Klassen, and Hazel Dodsworth.

VISITORS: Mr. and Mrs. Heggenes

Byron Worland made a motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting of December 9, 1986 and the Special meeting of January 9, 1987 as written. Ken McClellan seconded the motion; motion carried.

HEGGENES WATER PIPE DAMAGE CLAIM

Mr. and Mrs. George Heggenes explained to the commissioners that extensive damage was done to their water service line when the fire district was testing hydrants in the area during the latter part of October, 1986. The water line that runs under the road to the Heggenes property broke at the time the hydrants were opened for inspection and testing, and subsequent repairs carried out by Larry Gabelein totalled more than \$1,000.

After lengthy discussion during which Mr. and Mrs. Heggenes informed the Board that they had presented their case to the Clinton Water District without getting any satisfaction, both Byron Worland and Kenneth McClellan pointed out that though they sympathized with the Heggenes, they felt that the responsibility for damages rested with the Clinton Water District, rather than the Fire District.

At this point, the commissioners instructed Chief Klassen to contact the attorney for the Fire District and seek advice as to how the District should proceed in the matter. The commissioners also suggested that Chief Klassen contact the officers of the Clinton Water District. Both commissioners and Chief Klassen felt strongly that the testing of the water hydrants could hardly constitute responsibility for the ensuing damage to the Heggenes' water line. The Chief reported that Carl Simmons (and others who were present at the site at the time) had testified at the regular meeting of November 18, 1986 that the utmost care was taken in opening and closing the hydrant. Carl had reported that the water barely dribbled out at first (that there was no pressure) and that the water then abruptly surged out. The resultant damage could have been caused by a possible malfunction of the pressure-reduction valves in the line, or an inherent weakness in the owner's service line. Based on witnesses' statements, the Chief excluded the possibility of negligence on the part of those operating the hydrants.

Byron Worland made a motion to pay the bills as submitted. Kenneth McClellan seconded the motion; motion carried.

Byron Worland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Ken McClellan seconded the motion; motion carried.

Deyce Dackowski

Bayview