

*Freedland*  
ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, DECEMBER 8, 1977

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  
Joseph H. Long  
Kenneth G. McClellan

Others present: Chief Erikson, Esther Erikson, Leda Long, Lincoln Wildes, Charles Miller, Leland & Berta Long & Robert & Loren, Harold Hagglund, Roy Hagglund, John Patton, Marvyn Berkeland, Gary Gabelein, Nick Carter, Herbert Quentin, Ray Reis, Eugene Bacon, Bud & Jean Baty, Paul Greene, State Patrolman, And the Secretary.

Minutes of last regular meeting of November 3, 1977 read by the Secretary and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$3, 610.17 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.

There is no correspondence, so inasmuch as State Trooper Paul Grenne is present he is given the floor to state anything he has in mind. He says that since there recently was a car fire which required the Clinton fire truck to enter State highway 525 at the intersection by Clinton Food Mart it appears that when a ferry traffic line of cars comes by at the same time it slows up the fire truck entering the highway by causing it to stop, and has to start from a standstill thereby possibly losing as much as several minutes at a fire scene some distance up the highway. He feels that a traffic control signal is in order at this intersection. Indicates he sent a letter regarding this problem to the State Highway Department. He feels a traffic light at this intersection might be the saving of life or lives.

The Chief now reports he has called Roy Evans the County Director of Emergency Services to check if there might be federal funds available for this sort of project. To date he has not heard from Mr. Evans re this.

There is further discussion regarding the problem, but at present there is not much can be done.

Trooper Greene is thanked for his concern, and the meeting goes to other business.

The Chief reports on the status of the parking lot at the Bay Veiw station, and says Verlane Gabelein has taken care of the water drainage from his property and the only water getting onto the lot comes from above.

The Chief in his monthly report notes that there is quite an accumulation of dirt on the front and sides of the Maxwellton station as a result of County road operations the past summer. There is much discussion regarding this problem, with several suggestions running from hiring Mr. Hatt a painter using his pressure cleaner to the using a hose from the fire truck to do it. After further discussion the Chief is instructed to solve the problem using his best judgment.

The Chief now asks if there is any objection to the way he has solved the problem of too wide a door into the upstairs kitchen which, when opened hits the cabinet which has now been installed, by having Carl Simmons cut and opening into the meeting room in that end of the kitchen which will permit entering the kitchen from meeting room without opening the door from hall. There is no objection.

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The Chief reports now that the two horse power siren purchased used, from Alden Equipment Company quite some back, and has never been satisfactory when installed at the Saratoga station, has been checked at Mount Vernon by a electric motor repair company and they report that it was never designed to operate any different. It will not rev up to a satisfactory speed and output.

Alden Equipment Company will sell a new siren of the same size with control switch tax and freight for \$752.06 to the District giving the District \$150.00 credit on it which is the price originally paid, for a net of \$612.06 Inasmuch as this siren has been a problem and should be resolved, Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. McClellan that the Chief be instructed to go ahead and order the siren, carried unanimously.

The Chief has reported that the Freeland department has gotten from Navy surplus six helmets similar to the ones in use by our department, seven water pump cans, and one fifty foot three section aluminum ladder. Only cost, the time and effort to get them from the base at Oak Harbor.

Roy Hagglund now asks if more breathing masks can be obtained for the department. The Chief reports that there are four masks on the Freeland truck and two on each of the other trucks. Reason for four masks on the Freeland truck is its proximity to the nursing home, hence a possible greater need. He feels there should be four masks on each truck. There is more discussion re masks but no action.

There is now some discussion regarding water tankers and Roy Hagglund says the purchased a used tanker 3500 gallon capacity for \$3000.00. There is some discussion but no action, except it is agreed it should be looked into further.

There is no further business and meeting is adjourned at 7.59

*Ella E. Hunter*

Ella E. Hunter, Secretary  
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