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ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS 5, July 1973

Meeting called to order by Mr. Henny the chairman 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 present. Visitors present: Gary Gabelein Battalion Chief of the Bayveiv department, Dennis Benning firefighter and Louis Sandberg, Battalion Chief of the Freeland fire department. Larry Alden and Roy Eagleton of the Alden Equipment are also present.

Current bills in the amount of \$2493.65 from the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet are on hand and examined. Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that the bills be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously.

Minutes of the last meeting on 7 June read and approved as read.

At this time Mr. Alden congratulates the District and Commissioners on the fact that during the many years the District has been in existance there have been very few changes in the Districts governing body of Commissioners secretary etc, as has been in various other fire Districts in the State, where there has been a large turnover of personnel. Alden then excuses himself and Eagleton for a few minutes which will give the Commissioners some time to care for any routine business they may have.

Chief Erikson says he feels the priority for near future action should be on acquisition of a new fire truck rather on a new fire staion at Bayveiw, inas much as the truck is temporarily being housed.

Attention is now turned to trucks. The discussion centers on; gasoline engine versus diesel engines. Automatic tranmission versus standard transmissions. Wheel base length, tire sizes, etc. There are some ideas brought out for and some against, in regard to the engines and transmissions being gasoline or deisel, or auto or standard transmission.

Perförmance wise it is quite generally agreed that the diesel engine is longer lived and will lug better, but will cost more to purchase, approximately \$800 for diesel as over gasoline. Automatic transmission will run \$over \$ 1000 more, than standard trans.

Chassis wheelbase will be dependant on size of water tank. In this connection Hunter says he feels 1000 gallon tanks are still most desirable over a smaller size.

There is some further discussion re trucks and no action, and the subject is tabled for this meeting.

The Chief reports on a meeting he has attended recently conducted by a Medic man who demonstrated a small resusitator hand operated, with which The Chief was much impressed. He feels one should be in each truck and now requests one be purchased immediately. Alden says they cost \$64.50 and they handle them. The Chief also needs two remote Plectron speakers, and adds this request.

Mr. Long now makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that one resusitator and two speakers be ordered, carried unanimously.

Mr. Alden and Eagleton now excuse themselves and leave the meeting, after being thanked for attending. It is now 8:25

The Chief now brings up the matter of the Fire District not being eligible for revenue sharing as are cities, etc. Wonders if the State Commissioner Association could do anything about this matter.

The Chief now reports on gasoline purchase problems for the District. Says Con Orr let the District have 300 gallons but requested that not ask again as this amount would come from some else's allotment. The Chief also reported that Mrs. Cleveland got on the ball and through the County Commissioners got action from Merlin Knutson the supplier for the County and, the District will be able to get gasoline under the County contract.

The Chief reports on fire alarms for June.

The Chief also reports on attendance at the Central Puget Sound Firemen's Association meeting he and some of the firemen attended at Blaine recently. It was a very good meeting but the attendance was disappointing.

Chief also reports on the canopy recently installed over the side door of the Freeland fire station, likes it very much and feels one should be installed on some of the other stations. Especially need one at Bush Point and Saratoga.

The Chief also reports on a recent visit by some of the firemen and at least one fire truck to the Puget Power emergency generating station near Langley. They found several bugs the most notable one being too narrow a road into the plant for a fire truck to travel.

The Chief reports on the fire plan for the White Acres nursing home under the new management, thinks it is good, but offers the observation that the patients could drown from the sprinklers in the building. (Joking we would hope)

Chief also reports that Paul Schneider the Langley Town Marshall is now also the town fire marshall, and seems to be very dedicated.

The Chief now reports he has been appointed as a deputy State fire marshall by Carl Hermann State Insurance Commissioner.

At this point Hunter asks if any of the Commissioners are planning on attending the State Commissioner Conference in Spokane. Mr. Henny says he might go.

Gary Gabelein now says he thinks there is a need for the volunteer firemen to have some sort of uniform to wear to meetings, etc, as he was impressed by the uniforms worn by the Blaine firemen at the meeting he attended recently with the Chief.

Hunter says he feels the District should furnish a dress cap and badge for each fireman for this purpose, and the firemen could, through their own finance fund in each department supply jackets and pants, if needed to complete a uniform.

The Chief voices the thought that a few of the men would not wear the uniforms, but most of them would.

Mr. Capp says he feels if a program of this kind is started the equipment should all be the same, not varying from man to man, or department to department.

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Gary Gabelein now brings up the question of name for the new department at Bayveiw. Should it be called Bay Veiw department or Whidbey City department?

There is discussion regarding this. There is the feeling that Bay Veiw should be the name of the department as this is the name of the entire community in that area and Whidbey City is the name given to a certain development in the community. It is offered that the new Thriftway store has adopted the name Bay Veiw. There is some more discussion but the general feeling is for Bay Veiw name .

There is no further business and meeting is adjourned at 9.05

Marion E. Hunter

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