



Mr. Hunter now brings up the need for door closing after trucks leave on an alarm, which has been discussed at prior meetings. He feels the need is imperative now, to conserve heat and to prevent theft, vandalism, etc. The closers to be in the Freeland, Clinton and Maxwellton stations. The Chief is instructed to proceed with implementing this.

There is also discussion re the G. O. bond issue for the District, approved by the voters on Tuesday, and it is agreed to start proceedings toward implementing the legal work necessary before bonds can be sold.

The Chief now brings up the matter of pay raises for the paid personnel, noting that none was included in the 1976 budget, and that inflation at present rate meant his pay was not keeping pace. Mr. Hunter explains that the District income projected for 1976 was only approximately \$3,600.00 more than in 1975 and with insurance, heat, electricity, etc. increases this would use up this tax increase. Will consider this matter further.

There is now some discussion regarding firemen class instruction. The Chief says he feels that He and Instructor Baty can handle the driver training.

At this time the Chairman and Secretary explain the investing of Fire District moneys without passing a resolution each time there is an investment. This is done by a resolution signed by the Commissioners appointing the District Secretary as investment officer. With this method the Secretary can write a letter to the County Treasurer stating the amount of money to be invested, from which fund this money is taken and the term of the investment.

Mr. Long now makes motion seconded by Mr. Hunter to adopt resolution # 80 appointing and empowering the District Secretary, Ella E. Hunter, to act as investment officer for the District, carried unanimously.

At this time the Chief asks what method is used for taxing in the District. Mr. Hunter explains briefly that this is on a cents per thousand basis rather than on millage as formerly.

There is now some discussion relative to the extending of the Saratoga station and building of the new station at Bayview. There is no action taken at this time.

Business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

*Ella E. Hunter*

Ella E. Hunter, Secretary  
Island County Fire District No 3