ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, NOVEMBER 6, 1975

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hunter, the Chairman, in the meeting room in the Clinton fire station at 7:03 P. M.

Commissioners present: Marion E. Hunter Chief Erikson present

Joseph H. Long

Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Hunter to dispense with reading of minutes of last meeting of October 2, 1975, carried unanimously. Minutes stand approved as written.

Current bills in the amount of \$3,199.98 are on hand and after examination Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Hunter that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously. They are listed on reverse side of this sheet.

Under communication the Chief reports that he has received the schedule for the Governors Home Safety Conference. He is not attending this.

The Chief also reports that he is attending a meeting in regard to working out fire and inspection problems with schools.

The Chief now reports that he has been contacted by three architects in conection with construction of the new fire station at Bayview. They are Harry B. Rich, John C. O'Brien and Donald A. Greve'. The Chairman has received a letter from Harry B. Rich which the Secretary reads at this time.

At this time the Secretary reads a letter received from Mr. Leap, Commissioner Chairman of Island County Fire District No 5, inquiring whether our District would participate in sending Sheriffs Deputy Eelkema to the Oregon arson school in May 1976. Support would be in the form of helping to defray actual expenses with the County furnishing the transportation. Cost to the various Districts would be pro-rated according to District valuation. It was briefly discussed and Mr. Hunter voiced the feeling that it appeared like it would be acceptable. After further discussion the Chief said that during the past year in his contacts with Deputy Eelkema in his fire investigation, results were very negative as far as he was concerned. In light of this information and the fact that the school would not be conducted until next May it was decided to look into it further before making any decision.

The Chairman reports that a State law recently passed requires that the fire Chief shall be responsible for fire safety in building construction in the District using the uniform fire code as a basis.

Chief Erikson states that in a recent fire faulty construction of a fireplace was responsible for the fire and points up the need for tighter inspections. He also feels there is a need to put more pressure on the County Commissioners to adopt a fire code.

At this time the Secretary reports that there has been no answer received to date in regard to letter written inquiring into participation in the Public Employees Retirement System.



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 Maxwelton 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 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