

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS APRIL 7, 1966

Meeting called to order by the chairman Mr. Capp at 7.25 P.M. at the public meeting room of the Whidbey Telephone Company at Bayview.

Commissioners present: Lloyd S. Capp  
David C. Henny  
Joseph H. Long

Mr. Milton Ellison, a member of the Bush Point fire department, is present as a guest of the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting on March 3rd read and approved as read.

Current bills from the firms and individuals listed on the reverse side this sheet, and in the amount of \$ 5337.90 are examined. They include the quarterly payment due on the 1962 Ford fire truck at Freeland, and the annual payment due on the 1964 Ford fire truck at Clinton. Mr. Long makes motion and seconded by Mr. Henny that the bills be allowed and vouchers for same be approved and signed. Carried unanimously.

Miss Lana Townsend, editor of the Whidbey Island Record now arrives as a second guest of the meeting.

The secretary explains that he had made arrangements with the Western Farmers Association to place 115 gallon propane tanks at each of the five fire stations. By grouping these tanks all under the account of the Chief, the price of gas for the District will now be .16¢ per gallon. This is .06¢ less than the .22¢ per gallon now being paid by the District to Petrolane Gas Service.

The secretary reports that as yet the Freeland Merchants Association had not put the siding on the upper part of the Freeland fire station. It is thought that it would be in order for the secretary to send them a note, regarding same, possibly speeding it up some .

The Chief makes request for the District to pay the registration fee of \$ 25.00 to the Command School at Yakima. Mr. Long moves, seconded by Mr. Henny that this be done, carried.

A letter is on hand from Mr. James Gay an attorney recommended by Mr. Terry Thompson to contact, regarding setting up the legal machinery for a bond issue. Mr. Gay states he would be available, and happy to do the work for the District and would meet with the Commissioners if they so desired. The secretary is instructed to contact him again, and arrange a meeting, either on a regular meeting night, or, on a Saturday. Mr. Gay had stated in his letter that he has a home at Mutiny Sands and comes to the Island frequently during the Summer.

Mr. Ellison is now asked if he has any, or knows of any problems with the Bush Point department, or has any comments. He states there are two problems there. One is that the men in the department are mostly older men, and retired and have had it when they come there, but that there are not too many younger men there. Also, a second problem is inability to hear the fire siren at the station, under certain conditions, such as wind blowing, radio and TV noise etc.

The chief says he is cognizant of the alerting problem, and thinks this can be

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overcome with alerting receivers in the firemens homes.

Mr. Ellison says he is in favor of the bond issue, realizing that it ppears to be theone way of solving the financial problems of the district, and thereby some of the other problems.

Mr. Ellison is asked about the morale of the department, and he feels it is very high. He says the younger men are very eager to learn more about hte job.

Hunter briefly explains the map of the fire district relative to the grading system.

Hunter tells Miss Townsend that she, as editor of the local paper will be able to help the district in selling the bond issue to the voters of the district, in the coming fall elections.

Hunter asked Miss Townsend if she would cooperate in occasionally printing a picture of several of the fire stations showing the condition of the stations and hence the need to either rebuild, or finish them, along with a breif word story of the need. She agreed she would cooperate to the extent of her ability.

Hunter had revised figures from the one he had presented at the last meeting. These figures were projected to 1967, as the earliest time the improvements can be made if the bond issue is approved, and in the light of rising costs of construction of building and firetrucks, these figures are a total of \$ 111200.00, compared to the former figure of \$ 98550.00 an increase of \$ 12650.00

~~The amount of bond issue is discussed, and it is quite well agreed that it should be \$ 120,000 or \$125,000~~

The business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 9.25

*Maurice E. Hunter*

Secretary, Island County Fire Prot. Dist No 3