ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No. 3

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, APRIL 4, 1974

Meeting called to order by chairman Mr. Hunter in the meeting room in the Clinton fire station at 7:02 P.M.

Commissioners present: Marion E. Hunter Lloyd S. Capp Joseph H. Long Chief Erikson present Battalion Chief Gabelein "

Minutes of last meeting read by secretary and approved with a correction of one word and the addition of four words.

Current bills in the amount of \$3,640.33 are on hand and after examination Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that they be allowed and vouchers are approved and signed. Carried unanimously. They are listed on the reverse side of this sheet.

There is an application from one man for admittance to the fire department for the Freeland station. Marley H. Eckert is acceptable and Mr. Long makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that this man be accepted, carried unanimously and the application is signed.

Mr. Hunter suggests to the Chief that new firemen be asked to attend the meeting at time of application approval so the commissioners can meet them.

The Chief discusses recent house fire. The living room, dining room and kitchen were heavily damaged, and extensive heat and smoke damage throughout the rest of the upper story.

The Chief states the ladder he was authorized to buy in the March meeting turned out to be 30 ft. instead of 35 ft. as he understood it to be. The Chief ordered a 35 ft. ladder on which the freight will be payable from the east coast.

The Chief reports the patches for the firemen will cost an extra 5ϕ each for the words South Whidbey on them.

The Chief says he did not order squeeze bags authorized in the March meeting as he felt other equipment ordered from Alden's was more necessary.

The Chief asks permission to purchase a squeeze bag for fireman training. He has information on a Resusci Annie at \$280.00 plus transportation and an Anatomi Annie at \$250.00. Suggested asking if some local club may be interested in buying one and the fire district the other. After discussion it was decided to purchase one. Mr. Long makes motion to purchase the Resusci Annie complete kit, seconded by Mr. Capp, carried unanimously.

There was some discussion on saving \$5,000.00 toward purchase of the new truck. Mr. Capp asks when we can expect the new truck. The Chief says if we don't hear soon, will not be delivered this year.

The Chief asks approval to attend seminar on fire and building codes, April 18 & 19 in Everett at a cost of \$14.00 plus ferry fare, total expected to run about \$25.00. Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long that he attend the seminar, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hunter now discusses radio procedure. He states it is many times impossible for the dispatcher to reach anyone at the scene of a fire. Stresses the need to instruct the men that one man should be where he can hear the radio at all times. Suggests that Mr. Ingalsbe be contacted to survey the feasability of boosting the output to reach the men at the scene of a fire. The Chief suggests moving speaker away from pump on 948, and to add speakers. He will contact Mr. Ingalsbe to see what can be done to improve this situation. Mr. Hunter also recommends that the Chief carry the portable when away from the car. Also mentions times when Chief hasn't been where he could be reached at the scene of a fire. He also suggests the firemen be instructed to acknowledge by giving their number after a transmission with the base station.

Mr. Capp suggests the Chief look over recommendations and make suggestions on a priority basis.

The Chief reports that to make the change on the 15 min. air paks to 30 min. would cost \$90.00 each for the bottles to make the change.

The Chief states there is something wrong with the Bush Point siren control. This is largely a telephone company problem.

The Chief now reads a letter from the Naval Air Station. They state they would not be able to give much help in case of a fuel fire at the Puget Power emergency generator plant.

The Chief states, in answer to Mr. Hunters question on coverage in the Record that they don't put in the fire news he gives them.

The Chief says the Freeland Water District doesn't like the fire district using their hydrants to fill the fire trucks. Some firemen use the hydrant valve as a control valve and cause them to wash. Mr. Hunter suggests checking on how hydrant use is handled in Snohomish County.

The Chief asks for suggestions on presentation of certificates to firemen who have completed the course. Mr. Hunter suggests contacting Goodriches office and Senator Pat Wanamaker.

The Chief now reads an article on color T.V. This is about an instant on set that caught fire and 7 died from smoke inhalation. He feels this points up the value and need of a county fire code and fire marshall.

The Chief reports his car has lost the reverse gear. The commissioners tell him to have it repaired.

The Chief states the furnace in the Clinton Station is not working right. The contacts are not working as they should. Mr. Hunter offers to check the controls.

The Chief reports that Gary Gabelein is now a certified C.P.R. instructor, also a Red Cross First Aid instructor.

Gary Gabelein is now asked for visitor comments. He says he appreciates the fire district being interested in buying a Resusci Annie.

The business is now concluded and meeting is adjourned at 8:53

Ella E. Hunter, secretary

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