

ISLAND COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT No 3



REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS, FEBRUARY 6, 1975

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hunter, the Chairman, in the meeting room in the Clinton fire station at 7:00 P. M.

Commissioners present:	Marion E. Hunter	Chief Erikson	present
	Lloyd S. Capp	Assistant Chief Berkeland	"
	Joseph H. Long	Instructor Baty	"
		Battalion Chief Gabelein	"
		& Mrs. Gabelein	"

Minutes of the last meeting of January 2, 1975 read by Secretary and approved as read.

Current bills in the amount of \$4,195.38 are on hand and after examination Mr. Long Makes motion seconded by Mr. Capp that they be allowed and vouchers approved and signed, carried unanimously. They are listed on reverse side of this sheet.

There is an application from one man for admittance to the fire department for the Freeland station. Scot E. Treggett is acceptable and the application is signed.

The Chief reports on the recent Blankenship fire. He says this fire was apparently started by a teenager using gas to build a fire in a Franklin heater.

The Chief further reports that by getting the transmission bands adjusted in the new truck, the problem with it not downshifting was taken care of satisfactorily.

Reverend Patterson arrives at 7:20.

Mr. Hunter reads letter on Traffic Safety program. In regard to this the Chief says all Counties are to have their own traffic safety and fire marshalls. The Chairman feels this is trend in right direction.

Mr. Nelson arrives at 7:30.

Mr. Capp now makes motion seconded by Mr. Long to adopt resolution # 76A to invest \$12,500.00 of G. O. Bond fund money in 300 day securities, carried unanimously.

Mr. Capp now asks if Mr. Ingalsbe, of Frank's Radio & Communications, had been advised of the decision at the meeting of January 2nd granting permission to go ahead with the radio installation at the base station, as per his request of October 3, 1974. The Secretary replies that he has been informed. He agreed to draw up a legal commitment absolving the District of any liability in connection with the installation and its operation.

Chief Eriksons annual report to the Commissioners now comes under discussion. There were a total of 106 alarms in 1974. Five fires accounted for a large portion of the losses dollarwise for the year. The per capita loss for the year is approximately \$14.93.

The Chief reports that the fire ordinance has not been passed as of this date. He says the committee is going to start working on this again.

The Chief also reports that the exhaust system for the new diesel truck is being installed in the Freeland station. He and Mr. Berkeland have been working on this and, though it isn't finished is being used.

Discussion now turns to the need for a tanker to be placed in the Freeland station. Mr. Hunter, south end co-ordinator for Island County Emergency Services, says he will check with Roy Evans on the possibilities of getting a surplus tanker. The tanker would be at no cost to the District and the Federal office of Emergency Services will furnish half the cost of necessary repairs to the tanker, up to a maximum of \$2,400.00

The Commissioners and Chief now thank Mr. Nelson for going on his own time to help the Chief drive the new truck out from Appleton, Wisconsin. Mr. Capp makes motion seconded by Mr. Long to pay Mr. Nelson \$25.00 as a token of appreciation for his kind assistance, carried unanimously.

Discussion now turns to the need for a station at Bayview and the method of financing this. The Chairman feels the best route to take would be to go for a one year special levy to pay off the balance on the new truck and to build a station.

Under correspondence the Secretary reads a letter from Janie Gabelein applying for the position as secretary of the District. This letter was handed to the Chairman at the time of Mrs. Gabeleins arrival at the meeting. No action was taken. The Commissioners decided to go into executive session to discuss the request.

The Secretary also reads a letter from Ernie Swanson, our executive secretary, on the latest information on the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The Chief now reads a letter from the Department of Labor and Industries re fire fighter safety standards.

Chief Erikson has the results of the underwriters tests on the new truck which he shows and discusses at this time. He is requested to make copies of this.

The Chief also has an application to send a man for training instructor. Chairman suggests need for training supervisor over the other instructors and the Chief says he has designated Mr. Baty for this position.

Mr. Baty states an instructor has to have 144 hours of instructing a year to hold their instructors card. Mr. Long reads a letter on Washington State training program.

The participation in the training classes has been very poor to date. The Chief suggests having training in each station and require the men to turn out to these.

The Chief says the arrangement on the new truck is very nice.

The Chief also reads a letter re the Command School in Yakima. The registration fee is \$45.00 including 4 lunches and 1 banquet. The Chief suggests saving the money this year.

Under visitor comments Mr. Nelson says the American Legion has 500 pairs of decals. The firemen are to distribute these and Mr. Gabelein feels the firemen should stick them on the windows. The Langley firemen will cover Langley.

Reverend Patterson, who drives a school bus, asks if District firemen were familiar with releasing the maxi brake on the school buses in case of fire in the bus shed. The Chief replies that Langley firemen should be there first and should have this information, but agrees that District firemen should also have this information. After brief discussion the Chief is instructed to work with Langley Chief Carnes on this matter.

Ella E. Hunter

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