

CRESTON FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE MEETING Wednesday, February 17, 2016

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 10 am, at the Main Creston Fire Hall. The meeting was called to order by Allen Zimmerman.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allen Zimmerman, Tom Arnone, Myron Mast, Chief Gary Mahugh, Louise Tidwell, Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Phillips

GUESTS: Bob Kun

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were approved by the Trustees.

FINANCIALS and CLAIMS: The County financial reports for January were available, thus those reports have been reconciled with Quickbooks. Specific finance details will be provided as part of New Business.

Facilities Update

Lilienthal will be doing an assessment of the insulation in the Lake Blaine training unit. We may need some more insulation blown into that facility.

Apparatus update

The last of the apparatus service work has been completed. There are a few valves and other minor repairs that need to be done. New tires were put on the front of E8 and it was aligned. The 1992 International (E4) has an automatic transmission, has CAF's and is 4-wheel drive. We are going to need to decide whether we will replace E4 or have it refurbished. When E4 was being serviced, Gary asked RES to assess E4 related to be refurbished. Captain Schuster gave Gary a list of what he would like to see done. Gary believes that we could get at least 10 more years out of that truck. To refurbish E4 would be approximately \$75,000 and would take approximately 6 weeks for the work to be done (probably early fall after fire season). A comparable used truck would be about \$350,000. Gary has been looking at used trucks and hasn't found any comparable 4-wheel drive engines. Gary will bring back more information about E4 to next month's meeting.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

March 1 is the start of sport burning.

Joseph Dileo continues to be suspended from active response until further notice, but he is allowed to come to training and to meetings. Joseph did take a defensive driving class.

Creston Fire was dispatched to 31 calls in January. Of those calls, 2 were fire calls and 29 were EMS calls. Gary reviewed some of the calls with Trustees.

Libbie and Rich Lapp have resigned. Dale Veile has moved out of the area and has asked for a year's leave of absence. We are still trying to get Cody Clarke's gear and radios back. Lee Buller still hasn't met with Gary. Joey Wood is still on medical leave. Rick Fetterhoff's health isn't good and will be removed from the Captain's role.

Gary still has concerns about some members not responding to calls and commitment levels. The reimbursement program may help with response a bit.

We had the burn trailer here a couple weeks ago and put about 17 people through that trailer. Somers had a few folks attend also. This coming Saturday at 9 am we will be joining Badrock FD for burning a building. It will not include interior attack, just exterior work. We have more Zoll 12-lead EKG training coming up. On March 3 we have scheduled training with Jared Lako who will discuss scene and evidence preservation. We have a Wildland chainsaw training coming up. MT Mutual Aid is the first weekend in March in Helena. We will have our Wildland Refresher training on March 17.

Bigfork is still looking for a Chief. They will be conducting interviews shortly. About half of their responders are paid responders and live outside their District.

The County is still trying to hire an EMS Director.

Creston Fire Fighter's Association Update

We have 2 new female members, and we just got a new application from Taylin Eliason. He will be interviewed next Monday night. We got an Associate Member application from a 17-year old. She will be allowed to come to some training in an observer role. She would ultimately like to go into the medical field.

We have had 2 auction meetings now. We are looking at a few special things for the 50th anniversary and making member assignments. We are still selling raffle tickets. Tickets are \$10 each and 3 for \$25. We do want to have some aerial shots taken. The newsletter has been printed and will be mailed out shortly. We will be selling caps, t shirts and sweatshirts at the auction.

OLD BUSINESS

We are still working on a Duty Officer Program and the reimbursement program. Gary will be presenting that information to the Trustees at a later meeting.

New Business:

After January invoices were submitted in the amount of \$15,351.02, the Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance is \$166,356.58. A copy of the Unpaid Bills Detail report was provided to the Trustees. After review, Allen made a motion to pay these bills as submitted and Tom seconded. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to have bills paid and checks written. Checks #8254-8272 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The January, 2015 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$86,717.34.

There was no further new business to discuss.

Good of the Order:

Gary is keeping in contact with Fred Heim.

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Allen Zimmerman, Chairman

Louise Tidwell, Clerk