

CRESTON FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE MEETING Wednesday, March 16, 2016

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Wednesday, March 16, 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, Greg Phillips, Bob Kun, Chief Gary Mahugh, Louise Tidwell, Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS:

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

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

Facilities Update

Gary said that there isn't anything to report this month regarding facilities.

Apparatus update

We had a transmission cooling line on E1 that had to be repaired.

We had some lighting issues on E3 that have been taken care of on the pump panel.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Joseph Dileo continues to be suspended from active response until further notice, but he is allowed to come to training and to meetings. He has been attending training and most meetings. However, he is not allowed to respond to emergency calls unless a call comes in during training that he is attending. He wouldn't be driving to those calls. We haven't had a call come in during training so far. We are currently looking at July 1 as the earliest date that he might be allowed to respond to emergency calls.

Gary got a letter from Fred Heim and he seems to be doing well. Fred said that he won't be able to come to the auction this year.

You will see an invoice for a command board and accountability tags. You will also see an invoice for an AED to be placed on 2561.

Creston Fire was dispatched to 24 calls in February. Of those calls, 8 were fire calls and 16 were EMS calls. Gary reviewed some of the calls with Trustees.

Rachel will be having her baby later this month.

Tomorrow night we have our mandatory wildland refresher training. Jesse Best with DNRC will be our instructor at that 4 hour class. We will be serving dinner.

Four members, including Gary, went to the Montana Mutual Aid meeting in early March. Gary showed a video of a Phoenix fire recap to members last week.

CFD fire fighters participated in a live burn. On the EMS side, there have been three Zoll EKG 12 & 15-lead trainings.

Creston Fire Fighter's Association Update

We are getting ready for Creston's 50th auction. We ordered caps, t shirts and sweatshirts to be sold at this year's auction. Bob has been doing PR for the auction. Newsletters and post cards have been sent out. Dale Stere said that he is having trouble getting auctioneers this year.

Raffle ticket sales for the gun safe, rifle and shotgun are going OK and have covered expenses now.

OLD BUSINESS

Since we are all busy now with auction, we are still working on a Duty Officer Program and the reimbursement program.

Regarding Engine 4, we are still looking to go with the refurbish route. Captains Schuster and Bradstreet are putting together a list of what all needs to be refurbished. Gary believes that it will cost about \$60,000 to \$85,000 to do about an 80% refurbish of E4. Gary is hoping to have a firm proposal by early May and the work would be done next fiscal year.

Bob told the group that County EMS hired Dick Sine to take Mary Granger's position.

New Business:

Out of new fire studies, there is information about cancer risk. We know that smoke coming out of fires today is very carcinogenic and fire fighters are getting cancer from residue on turnouts. There is a new protocol for gross de-contamination to be done for interior attack fire fighters. Part of the concern is where turnouts are kept after a fire. Washing turnouts right away is a big deal, but not done 100% of the time. We do have 2 large extractors to wash our turnouts. In response, a lot of fire departments are issuing dual turnouts. Gary will continue to read the scientific studies and will continue to bring back information. Gary will be talking with the insurance agent about fire fighter exposure and what might be covered.

After February invoices were submitted in the amount of \$7,760.09, the Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance is \$160,554.72. A copy of the Unpaid Bills Detail report was provided to the Trustees. After review, Greg made a motion to pay these bills as submitted and Bob seconded. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to have bills paid and checks written. Checks #8273-8287 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The February, 2016 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$86,739.31.

There was no further new business to discuss.

Good of the Order:

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Allen Zimmerman, Chairman

Louise Tidwell, Clerk