

CRESTON FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE MEETING Wednesday, September 21, 2016

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Wednesday, September 21, 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: Bill Tidwell

MINUTES: The minutes of July's monthly meeting were approved by the Trustees. It was noted that the Trustee's authorized Allen and Tom at the July meeting to sign checks in August for July invoices.

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

Facilities Update

We are having problems with the East door lock at the Lake Blaine apparatus building. We are working with Kalmont to find a solution and hope to have it fixed in the next 2 weeks. We are looking at monitoring systems and recording devices for our stations. Gary had hoped to have that information today, but Zack and Billy haven't submitted that information yet. We are getting facilities ready for winter and are getting weeds trimmed down.

Apparatus update

We did pump testing on our Engines a couple weeks ago. Engine 4's pump kicked out. They believe it was an electrical problem. Engine 4 has been out of service for 2 weeks and we have stripped down that engine so it will be ready to be refurbished this fall. Engine 5 from Fairmont has been moved to Mountain Brook and Engine 3 from Main Station has been moved to Fairmont. The engines will stay in these locations until Engine 4 is done. Gary plans to have Engine 4 refurbish starting next week. The other 3 engines passed their pump tests.

The State Dept. of Public Health conducted their EMS inspection Engine 8 yesterday. Engine 8 passed that inspection. CFD is licensed as a non-transport agency, but can transport in the event of an emergency when other transport agencies aren't available. We will pay the license fee in December and receive our renewed EMS license in January, 2017.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Gary and Louise have discussed the importance of having a conflict interest statement for each of their businesses. Mahugh Fire does business with CFD and Health Consulting Resources does business with CFD as well. Gary will provide a Conflict of Interest statement for Mahugh Fire and Louise provided today a Conflict of Interest statement for Health Consulting Resources.

Creston Fire was dispatched to 39 calls in July and have been dispatched to 181 calls for the year. Of those calls, 6 were fire calls and 33 were EMS calls. Creston Fire was dispatched to 40 calls in August

and 221 calls for the year. Of those calls, 14 were fire calls and 26 were EMS calls. Gary reviewed some of the calls with Trustees.

Gary discussed the reimbursement program that he has revamped. Our old program had a maximum reimbursement of \$300/year which was the maximum in order for a member to still be eligible for PERS. PERS has now increased their annual limit to \$3,000. Gary has drafted an updated reimbursement program that is broken down into two tiers for this fiscal year. Reference the attached reimbursement program that Gary presented. Bob made a motion and Tom seconded that the program Gary presented be implemented. After discussion, Trustees voted to implement the reimbursement program that Gary presented. Gary will continue to not receive reimbursement through this program.

About 2 months ago, Sheldon Wickersham resigned from CFD. Since that time Sheldon met with Gary to discuss his decision to resign. Gary has offered him to come back as an active member. His request to resign has been changed to a "leave of absence". Gary believes he will hear back from Sheldon within the next 60 days regarding his decision.

As you know, Joseph was taken off suspension and returned to active duty July 1 and has come to several calls. He is now working at the Marriott where he is working some long hours. Gary hasn't heard much from him this last month and he hasn't been coming to many calls. The last time that Gary spoke with Joseph, Joseph told Gary that he had lost his two-way radio. Gary told him that he needs to find his radio. Gary will see what Joseph tells him and will be watching Joseph's actions in the coming weeks.

Rick Fetterhoff told Gary that he will be turning in his fire gear; however, we haven't seen his gear yet. After Rick's EMT license lapsed, he turned in his medical gear. For the last 2 years, Lee Buller has said he will meet with Gary. Even though Gary has attempted to communicate and meet with Lee, Lee hasn't been in contact and hasn't met with Gary. Gary has offered Lee a role as an active fire fighter with Creston Fire. Gary will be assigning another person as Deputy Chief Fire.

Gary has asked Bill Tidwell to be Assistant Chief. Bill will begin functioning in that role now. Bill will continue overseeing Medical until the Deputy Chief Medical position is filled. Tom Schuster will be promoted to Deputy Chief Fire. River Mallery will be promoted from Lieutenant to a Captain's position with the provision that he get his GED within 1 year. Scott Bradstreet, Joe Brenneman and now River Mallery will be Captains, leaving one captain position still open. Dan Nielsen will be promoted to Lieutenant. Dan has had some fire background and also an EMS background. Dan has committed to getting his EMT license again. Tracy Mayhood will remain as a Lieutenant. These Officer position assignments will become effective as of October 15, 2016. The current Fire Marshall (Billy Harron) and Training Officers (Zack Bradley and Roman Mallery) will remain in those positions at this time.

We have 2 new applications for membership. We will go through our membership meeting process with these 2 applicants.

Creston Fire Fighter's Association Update

Most 2016 auction items are gone. There are still a few items left on the auction grounds. Gary got another check the other day for \$8,500. Cavendar still owes about \$8,000 for those remaining items. Out of that \$8,000, \$5,600 is for late fees and storage fees. Gary has been told that we should receive the remaining money in the next two weeks.

Fire Prevention Week will be coming up during the week of October 9.

Soup for Supper is coming up on October 18. We are looking for 20 sponsors to help pay \$100/ each for soup ingredients.

OLD BUSINESS

As discussed in the Chief's report, Engine 4 refurbishment will be starting as early as next week and the reimbursement program as presented and approved will begin retroactively as of July 1, 2016.

We are beginning to look at what we might want for a new station on Creston's vacant property. Gary has put the challenge out to members to submit information about what they like/want for a new fire station.

New Business:

After August and early September invoices were submitted in the amount of \$6,834.14, the Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance is \$169,398.54. 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 Bob seconded. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to have bills paid and checks written. Checks #8395-8411 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The August, 2016 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$87,164.78.

There was no other new business to discuss.

Good of the Order: Joe is feeling better now.

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

Allen Zimmerman, Chairman

Louise Tidwell, Clerk