

CRESTON FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE MEETING Wednesday, April 19, 2017

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 10 am, at the Main Station. The meeting was called to order by Allen Zimmerman.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Allen Zimmerman, Tom Arnone, Bob Kun, Greg Phillips, Myron Mast, Chief Gary Mahugh, Asst. Chief Bill Tidwell, Louise Tidwell, District Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS:

MINUTES: The minutes of March's monthly meeting were approved by the Trustees.

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

Facilities Update

Glacier Precast is working to identify where the Lake Blaine water tanks are leaking. Those tanks leak down to about 18" of water. The septic system at Lake Blaine has been repaired. Now that the ground is thawed, we will be doing some landscaping around that area.

The SCBA air systems have been tested and maintained at both the Lake Blaine and Main Stations. We have 11 cylinders that are due for hydro-testing. We should be doing that testing in the next 30 days.

A person has volunteered to paint the interior of Mountain Brook Station. Bill Nichol will take the lead in coordinating that painting project. Some of our members will help to clean out that station before it gets painted. We hope the painting will be done this next month. We also plan to get the interior of Fairmont Station painted. After that, we will look at painting Lake Blaine.

Apparatus update

All apparatus has been serviced and preventative maintenance has been done. The front end of Engine 8 has an issue that will need some repair. It's unknown how extensive the Engine 8 repair will be.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

We will be starting the Fire Fighter I (FFI) program again. We have been using FFI as a basis for training, however that training hasn't been formalized for a while. We will do that training in modules and will be inviting Bigfork and Ferndale FD's to that training as well.

Creston Fire was dispatched to 19 calls in March. Of those calls, 3 were fire calls and 16 were EMS calls. Gary reviewed some of the calls with Trustees.

We have received our annual GIS report from the County. The Trustees reviewed the 2017 Audit Results including reports and maps. Bob made a motion and Tom seconded confirming that the GIS Audit Results are correct, and that we accept and approve the 2017 GIS Report received from the County. Being no further discussion, the Trustees unanimously approved the County's 2017 GIS Report.

Captain River Mallery is moving into a rental house on Creston Road. Laurel Mallery is pregnant. We have a new application from Levi Peterson who is 18 years old. The membership committee will be meeting with him this evening. Rosh Mallery is training to become an electrician. Gary has been told that he is working to move back into the district and has an interest in re-joining the department.

Last weekend we had 2 members go to Burlington Northern's training in Whitefish. This weekend Gary and Zack Bradley will be going to a leadership training offered by DNRC. This weekend a person from the television station will be filming some fire training at Lake Blaine.

Creston Fire Fighter's Association Update

Auction 2017 was a success. The financial numbers shown on the white board are preliminary numbers. In the next month or so we should have all expenses entered and have net dollars for this auction.

OLD BUSINESS

With auction, we haven't talked too much about station replacement. In the near future, we will be resuming those station replacement discussions. The membership is interested in starting to develop some infrastructure. Gary asked the Trustees to think about a time line before next meeting. When we have a time line and a plan, Gary suggested that we have at least one public meeting before construction starts.

Tom will still try to reach Bob Anderson again about the possibility of additional land purchase at Lake Blaine.

New Business:

Allen Zimmerman announced that he will be stepping down as Chairman of the Trustees. Tom moved and Myron seconded that Bob Kun be elected as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to have Bob Kun serve as Chairman. Allen moved and Bob seconded that Tom Arnone be elected as Vice President. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to have Tom Arnone serve as Vice President. Greg moved and Bob seconded that Myron Mast be elected as Secretary. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to have Myron Mast serve as Secretary. These positions will be assumed at the May meeting.

After February and early March invoices were submitted in the amount of \$14,632.35, the Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance is \$125,191.57. After review, Bob made a motion to pay these bills as submitted and Myron seconded. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to have bills paid and checks written. Checks #8554-8560 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The March 2017 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$87,530.46. There was no other new business to discuss.

Good of the Order: None.

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Allen Zimmerman, Chairman

Louise Tidwell, Clerk