

CRESTON FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE MEETING Wednesday, May 17, 2017

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10 am, at the Main Station. The meeting was called to order by Robert Kun.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Kun, Allen Zimmerman, Tom Arnone, Greg Phillips, Chief Gary Mahugh, Louise Tidwell, District Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT: Myron Mast

GUESTS:

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

FINANCIALS and CLAIMS: The County financial reports for April 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 waiting to get some fill material to Lake Blaine for the septic tank area. Mountain Brook station is still going to be painted on the inside. We will be working to get the station cleaned out. Glacier Precast is looking for the leak in the water system at Lake Blaine.

Apparatus update

No work has been done on apparatus this last month. We'll be using apparatus for structure fire training in the next few weeks.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Creston Fire was dispatched to 16 calls in April. Of those calls, 3 were fire calls and 13 were EMS calls. Gary reviewed some of the calls with Trustees.

We have one new member application and have 2 other people that are interested in joining. Rosh Mallery has continued to express interest. Jamie Meyer will be going to college in July. Mac Wied will be leaving in June. Gary discussed Taylin Eliason. At this point, Gary said that Taylin will not be asked to be an active member.

We will be starting the Fire Fighter I (FFI) Structure Fire program again. We're hoping to have 6-8 fire fighters involved in that training. We will be inviting Bigfork and Ferndale to that training as well.

Gary was told yesterday that Bigfork's ladder truck is for sale.

A couple weeks ago Gary got a call from Evergreen's Fire Chief indicating that Evergreen is more involved with taking calls for City of Kalispell. City of Kalispell is essentially running 1 ambulance now since they have reduced staffing and aren't paying any overtime. Thus, Evergreen will only have 1 ambulance that can leave the district at a time and could impact patient transport from our Creston district. With our growing population, Gary said that we will have to transport sometime in the future. Gary sees that need for transport as being in conjunction with another transporting agency. Gary sees Creston FD as being most similar to Bigfork FD. Fire and EMS communities and organization of

departments were discussed. There will continue to be discussions about EMS Levy monies and transport issues. This will impact considerations for our new station design.

Gary has received another subdivision request and will respond to that.

Creston Fire Fighter's Association Update

Auction reviews have been done. Gary thinks that we will end up with \$40,000 to \$45,000 net. Greg said that he would be able to help picking up food items before auction. About a week ago KPAX did a fire safety series and did a segment with Creston Fire. We have done our Wildland Fire Training at Lake Blaine.

Old Business:

We're continuing to look at new station designs. Gary passed around some pictures and designs that may be workable. Gary said that currently we're focusing on a single level building, with a commercial kitchen, wash bay, minimum of 3 bays that would have at least 2 bays that are drive through, a large meeting room, 4 bunk rooms, staff showers, 3 offices, 30,000 gallons of water storage with pump, simple roof lines, LED lighting, security camera system, fire and security system detection, floor drains, some storage, and ultimately a sprinkler system. As we design a new station, Trustees suggested that we consider future expansion. Also, we will need to address diesel exhaust. Greg suggested that we consider having the meeting room and kitchen on one side and the staff quarters, offices, etc. on the other side. Gary asked Trustees to continue thinking about new station design and share their ideas.

New Business:

After April and early May invoices were submitted in the amount of \$11,216.86, the Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance is \$116,295.39. After review, Greg made a motion to pay these bills as submitted and Allen seconded. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to have bills paid and checks written. Checks #8561-8577 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The April 2017 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$87,601.13. There was no other new business to discuss.

Good of the Order: None.

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 14, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 am.

Robert Kun, Chairman

Louise Tidwell, Clerk