

**CRESTON FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE MEETING Wednesday, June 14, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 10 am, at the Main Station. The meeting was called to order by Robert Kun, Chairman.

**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 May's monthly meeting were approved by the Trustees.

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

**Facilities Update**

Gary told the Trustees that most likely in the next fiscal year, we will have to replace the roof on the Lake Blaine training building probably with a metal roof. We also need to do a little work on 2 of the bay doors at Lake Blaine. We're still working on prepping for painting the inside of Mountain Brook Station.

**Apparatus update**

Engine 2536 has a failing water gauge on it. We are waiting on replacement parts so necessary repairs can be made. Other engines are in good repair.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Creston Fire was dispatched to 31 calls in May. Of those calls, 9 were fire calls and 22 were EMS calls. Gary reviewed some of the calls with Trustees.

We had a firefighter who made a poor decision to use the key to enter the green boxes to dump his garbage. Gary has talked with this Firefighter and hopefully that won't happen again.

Mac Wied is moving to Alaska in about a week. He has already turned in his gear and equipment.

The State's Civil Support Team recently participated in an exercise that involved going through some buildings on a property near the Old Steel Bridge. They had a simulated meth lab at that location. Regional Haz Mat teams are no longer being funded. Missoula and Billings may still have a locally funded team.

Currently, Knife River is in the process of buying that same property from the County near the old Steel Bridge. Their plan is to make that property a gravel pit. Creston FD may be asked by the County to burn buildings at that location in the fall.

**Creston Fire Fighter's Association Update**

Last week, the Associate group had their last meeting before the summer.

We have had 2 new applications for membership. We expect another application from a person who lives near the Mountain Brook Station.

**Old Business:**

We're continuing to look at new station designs. Gary brought several station picture samples for Trustees to review and asked them to look for conceptual design at this point. He asked that they put a circle on three of the designs that they like best. We are getting closer to the time when Creston FD will need to transport. The new CFD station will need to include living quarters and a bay for an ambulance. Bob requested that we figure out how much it would cost to have paid people to staff an ambulance for one year.

Regarding the 2018 budget, one thing that will be included in our proposal will be new siding for the Lake Blaine Training building siding. Also, Gary will be putting in a line item for SCBA replacement. Each SCBA costs about \$7,000 each all of which will need to be replaced in 2018. Shortly, Gary will be emailing the budget proposal to Trustees for review.

**New Business:**

After May and early June invoices were submitted in the amount of \$4,835.67, the Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance is \$177,397.80. After review, Greg 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 #8578-8597 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The May 2017 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$87,644.21. There was no other new business to discuss.

**Good of the Order:** Rachel's Grandmother passed away on Monday. Bill Nichol's celebration of life will be held this Saturday, 2pm, at the Presbyterian Camp between mile markers 93 and 94 just south of Lakeside.

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 19, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 pm.

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Robert Kun, Chairman

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Louise Tidwell, Clerk