

CRESTON FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE MEETING Wednesday, July 19, 2017

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Wednesday, July 19, 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, Myron Mast Chief Gary Mahugh, Bill Tidwell, Assistant Chief, Louise Tidwell, District Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT: Greg Phillips

GUESTS:

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

FINANCIALS and CLAIMS: The County financial reports for June were not available. Thus, those reports will be reconciled with QuickBooks when available. Specific finance details will be provided as part of New Business.

Facilities Update

We're trying to keep the weeds sprayed and trimmed. We're still working to put together a schedule to paint the inside of Mountain Brook station. We have had steel put on the roof of the training building at Lake Blaine. We have included in FY 2018 budget a request for siding on both buildings at Lake Blaine.

Apparatus update

Pump testing was done about 2 weeks ago. The primer is not working on E5. That primer will be replaced in the next week or so. We have had some pump problems with E4. We believe that problem was fixed yesterday. They did find some universal joint problems on E4 as well.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The OES Office Training Coordinator position has been eliminated. James Brower is no longer at OES.

Bigfork Ambulance is short on staffing. They are currently advertising for Paramedics.

Run cards are being changed for Bigfork Fire Dept. Creston will be put on their run card for structure fire mutual aid which means we could respond as far south as Yellow Bay.

Weaver Acres is off Lauman Road. Creston has a 10,000 gallon water supply there which is located on a private homeowner's lot. The pump has gone under water for the 2nd time. Gary has been told that there is ground water that gets into the vault where the pump is located. Currently that system is non-operable. The developer is responsible for that water supply until it is turned over to the Homeowner's Association. Currently that Homeowner's Association has been dissolved. The water may be in the tank, but it would have to be drafted out. One of the homeowners wrote a letter saying that he believes that all residents of Creston District should be responsible to pay for that water supply and maintenance. Gary got a letter from Tom Gooch in Weaver Acres in which he requested a response from the Trustees about this issue. Gary stated that all water supplies in other Creston areas are maintained by the respective homeowners. Gary asked for input from the Trustees. After discussion, Trustees indicated that they have no desire to take on the liability of that water system and that the Homeowner's Association should remain responsible for that water system. Gary will continue to monitor the progress in that development and with that HOA.

There is a proposed subdivision on the east side of the Four Seasons Nursery on Highway 35. It is designated for 21 residential lots and 4 commercial pads along Highway 35. From a safety standpoint, Gary recommended that there be some arrangement for that subdivision's ingress and egress traffic to be at the traffic light. Gary has also discussed with that owner the water supply use for that area.

Creston Fire was dispatched to 23 calls in June. Of those calls, 8 were fire calls and 15 were EMS calls. Gary reviewed some of the calls with Trustees.

We will be starting a FF I program this fall. This next week we will be starting one of the FF I modules.

Creston Fire Fighter's Association Update

We had a new application for membership. That applicant has been interviewed. In the last month, we have had 3 new members join the FD. We will be doing a new member orientation for them when we can get a date suitable for everyone. Kyle Cram is the new President of the Association. Laurel Mallery is the new Vice President of the Association. The Association is in the process of updating their Bylaws. District bylaws should be updated also.

Old Business:

After Trustees reviewed and discussed Gary's FY 2018 budget proposal, Tom moved that the FY 2018 budget be approved and Myron seconded. Trustees unanimously approved the FY 2018 budget. Louise will complete the approved FY 2018 budget proposal and submit CFD's draft budget to the County by Friday. When the County receives mill levy amounts, Louise will discuss with County Finance and will bring back that information to the Trustees. At that time Trustees will discuss if they want to transfer monies to the CIP Fund.

New Business:

County financials for June are not available at this time. However, according to QuickBooks, the Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance after payment of June invoices is \$139,944.59. After review, Tom 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 #8598-8632 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: Gary gave an update of a few of the patients from the deck collapse. Joe Brenneman's daughter passed away this last weekend.

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

Robert Kun, Chairman

Louise Tidwell, Clerk