

CRESTON FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE MEETING Wednesday, September 20, 2017

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Wednesday, September 20, 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, Greg Phillips, Chief Gary Mahugh, Bill Tidwell, Assistant Chief, Louise Tidwell, District Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS:

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

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 still have a project at Lake Blaine to protect the septic area. We're trying to get the inside of Mountain Brook station painted soon. A contractor has donated his time and materials to paint it. We are starting to prepare all stations for winter.

Apparatus update

Yesterday some electrical and seal work was done on the front end of 2536 along with some pump work. There is some additional work that still needs to be done on 2536 as well. We have had some issues on 2553 with an air valve. That repair and other maintenance have been completed on 2553. We have an upcoming issue on the front end of 2528. Gary will be getting the cost together for that repair. 2551 has a couple of oil leaks. We will be watching and making a decision about that repair.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

The Grange used the main station for a picnic last Sunday.

Creston Fire was dispatched to 50 calls in July. Of those calls, 17 were fire calls and 33 were EMS calls. Creston Fire was dispatched to 37 calls in August. Of those calls, 12 were fire calls and 25 were EMS calls. We have had 248 calls this year to date. Gary reviewed some of the calls with Trustees.

As of about noon today, Stage 2 restrictions are being removed. There is still non-debris burning in effect until October 1.

We did have a call out two weeks ago to a fire near Libby and sent 2536 with 2 people for 2 days. The District will receive some money for sending out that engine.

This past Monday was our 9-1-1 tribute. That day we had at least 1 member and sometimes 3 or 4 members who were holding a flag in front of our station.

Fire Prevention Week is upcoming October 8-14. Billy Harron will be coordinating with schools and providing Fire Prevention education.

We had a member BBQ/picnic this last week. It was moved from the pavilion to the hall because of the smoke. It was a nice event and was put on primarily by our Associate members.

We have 3 active applications at this time. One applicant is Mike York who is an ALERT paramedic. The membership committee met with him last night. Another applicant is Vince Gordon who has some prior fire experience. The third applicant is Kevin Kilmurray who works for Diamond Plumbing. The membership committee will meet with him Friday night.

Bill discussed Mike York's level of training as a Paramedic and that Mike will function as an Advanced EMT with Creston Fire. If he would need to provide skills at a level more advanced than the AEMT, he would contact the hospital's medical control for authorization. Also, if Bigfork or Evergreen ambulance is on scene, he could function as a paramedic with those departments.

Bill presented information about the IO medical device and the new pediatric equipment that Creston Fire received from the State of Montana as part of their new statewide Pediatric program.

All of these new people are interested in attending FFI training. Several of our members will want to certify for FFI through the MT Training School.

We have been contacted by Flathead County regarding burning a couple of buildings. One building is near the Old Steel Bridge. We are hoping to burn those buildings near the end of November. Knife River will be expanding their gravel pit into that location. There is also potential for burning an old house.

The dispatch CAD computer system will be updated shortly. Run cards will be updated and set up whereby neighboring fire agencies would be dispatched for automatic aid.

Tomorrow night's training will be presented by Tammi Fisher, Attorney who will talk about HIPAA, Social Media, report writing, etc.

Last week there was cyber hacking related to the schools which caused local schools to be closed for several days. The FBI was involved with the Sheriff's office to investigate this incident. The Sheriff's office will be providing "Active Shooter" training for schools in the County.

The Montana State Fire Chief's meeting is in Helena October 11-13. Gary will be participating in that meeting. Gary received a note from the MT State University Extension stating that Gary will be serving another term on the Fire Services Training Advisory Council.

Creston Fire Fighter's Association Update

The Association approved a new set of Bylaws. There weren't any changes that will affect the District. We will be updating Creston Fire Department bylaws and District bylaws this fall.

Soup for Supper will be held on Tuesday, October 17 from 3:30pm to 7pm. We will have soup sponsors again this year.

Old Business:

Previously we have discussed building a new fire station. We are still looking at where that station would be positioned on the property. The Association is still looking at starting some infrastructure to prior to station construction. During the planning process, we will be seeking community involvement. We are progressing with planning and looking at several designs. Ideally we will have water supply, emergency lighting, sprinkler system, exhaust capture, etc. We want some safety and protection features.

New Business:

County financials for July and August are available. The Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance after payment of August invoices is \$144,018.84. 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 #8659-8679 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The August 2017 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$87,930.54. There was no other new business to discuss.

Good of the Order: We currently have 3 members that are pregnant. Christi Briney is now back in Kalispell after being at Harborview in Seattle for about 2 months following the June deck collapse. One person injured in the deck collapse is still in Brendan House.

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Friday, October 20, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35pm.

Robert Kun, Chairman

Louise Tidwell, Clerk