

CRESTON FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE MEETING Wednesday, November 15, 2017

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Wednesday, November 15, 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, Myron Mast Chief Gary Mahugh, Assistant Chief Bill Tidwell, Louise Tidwell, District Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS:

MINUTES: The minutes of October monthly meeting were approved by the Trustees.

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

Facilities Update

We're doing regular checks of all stations. Snow plowing is being taken care of so far. New batteries have been put in all door locks and we were able to upload new member door codes.

Apparatus update

We're going through all apparatus and have a list of various items that need attention. Engine 1 is being repaired today. An electric relay is being replaced. We can pump water with E1, but can't pump foam right now. Engine 4 still has some issues with the pump kicking out. Tires are all good. Engine 6 has had some fuel line issues that have now been repaired.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Creston Fire was dispatched to 34 calls in October. Of those calls, 11 were fire calls and 23 were EMS calls. Gary reviewed some of the calls with Trustees. We have had 25 calls to date in November. We have had some mutual aid fire calls this month.

Bigfork Fire Department is having a shortage of personnel which can impact Creston since their ambulance transports patients in the south half of our district. Both Bigfork FD and Evergreen FD are looking at funding issues and running a levy.

The CAD system in dispatch is being upgraded. Instead of "run cards", there will be "response plans". There will be "station dispatches" in that upgraded system.

Bill and Gary will be going to MT Mutual Aid in Helena this weekend.

Creston Fire Fighter's Association Update

We had 333 people come to Soup for Supper this last Tuesday and had 27 soup sponsors at \$100/each. There needs to be better follow up with past and potential sponsors. We are estimating that the Association grossed about \$10,000 for that event.

The Association is starting their 2018 Auction Planning. All section heads will be identified by January, 2018.

Old Business:

Gary has been in communications with Morton Building. Otherwise, Gary doesn't have anything new to report regarding station replacement. We're still looking at station plans.

New Business:

Gary distributed a copy of the District Bylaws and requested that Trustees review these. In December, we will update District Bylaws.

Currently Creston FD has about 34 members. This last year we developed a response reimbursement guideline. Gary would like to differentiate between "active" and "inactive" membership and define those member groups. We need to identify what to call those groups. Gary asked Trustees to think about defining these membership groups.

Greg suggested that new station donation checks be deposited in the Association account so that receivables and ultimately payables can be tracked. Allen seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, Trustees voted unanimously to have the Association set up a new building account.

County financials for October are available. The Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance after payment of October invoices is \$136,835.18. Invoices were submitted in the amount of \$5,491.28. 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 #8695-8710 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The October 2017 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$88,145.66.

There was no other new business to discuss.

Good of the Order: Mary Wallace is making good progress in her recovery after the deck collapse in June. Pat Vogel presented a donation check to be used toward building the new station.

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station. Since the December meeting will be longer, Trustees asked that we bring in lunch. Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Robert Kun, Chairman

Louise Tidwell, Clerk