

**CRESTON FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE MEETING Wednesday, December 20, 2017**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Myron Mast

**GUESTS:**

**MINUTES:** November monthly meeting minutes were approved by the Trustees.

**FINANCIALS and CLAIMS:** County financial reports for November 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 in the process of getting snow plowed at all stations. Everything is working well at all stations.

**Apparatus update**

General maintenance is being done on apparatus. There haven't been any major repairs. Service work on apparatus will start again in a couple months.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

We are holding one application and are still trying to get a membership meeting set up with him. We have had one other person who has expressed interest in volunteering.

We're coming up on the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> six month's period for reimbursement. Gary shared requirements for a member to be eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement checks will be issued next month. We're still looking at what to call "active" and "inactive" groups and definitions for these groups.

Gary discussed the recent national news related to "inappropriate" touching. Within our organization, we have asked members to be respectful of each other. Part of our discussion includes what happens when we provide patient treatment on calls. There is one department in our valley that has members who are being required to appear at a hearing for "inappropriately" touching a patient.

Posting to social media has opened the door to many issues. Gary received a request from a member asking if it would be OK if they posted their picture in CFD turnouts on their Facebook. At this time, Gary told the member that it would not be OK. We are in the process of evaluating our social media policy. We need to identify what is acceptable and what isn't acceptable. Gary asked Trustees to think about and give their input regarding what should be included in our social media policy.

Creston Fire was dispatched to 50 calls in November. Of those calls, 14 were fire calls and 36 were EMS calls. We have had 343 calls between January and November 30, 2017. Gary reviewed some of the calls with Trustees. We had some mutual aid fire calls in November also.

**Creston Fire Fighter's Association Update**

The Association is starting their 2018 Auction Planning. We hope to have all section heads identified by January, 2018.

**Old Business:**

Smart Lam from Columbia Falls contacted Gary last week and expressed their interest in our station replacement.

Trustees reviewed copies of the old and of the updated District Bylaws. It was suggested that we review Article IV, #4 and clarify wording. Trustees asked to remove #7 in Article IV. Between now and the next meeting, Trustees will continue their review of the updated District Bylaws and will plan to complete them at the January meeting.

At January's meeting Bob and Myron will complete their Declaration for Nomination and Oath of Candidacy-Nonpartisan forms so those forms can be submitted to the Flathead County Election Dept. by February 12, 2018 deadline.

**New Business:**

County financials for November are available. The Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance after payment of November invoices is \$212,121.58. Invoices were submitted in the amount of \$9,039.30. 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 #8711-8732 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The November, 2017 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$88,145.66.

There was no other new business to discuss.

**Good of the Order:** Trustees discussed having a meal later this winter for members and their families. They will discuss further and make a decision in January.

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

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Robert Kun, Chairman

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Louise Tidwell, Clerk