

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2018 10:00 am, at the Main Station. The meeting was called to order by Robert Kun, Chairman.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Robert Kun, Tom Arnone, Allen Zimmerman, Greg Phillips, Chief Gary Mahugh, Assistant Chief Bill Tidwell, Louise Tidwell, District Clerk

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Myron Mast

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Tom made a motion to approve the agenda. Greg seconded. The meeting agenda was approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES:** Last month's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

**FACILITIES:**

We're setting up to have snowplowing done at all stations and are getting all stations ready for winter.

**APPARATUS UPDATE:**

There are still some parts back ordered for Engine 4. Thus, it continues to be out of service. E5 has gone to Mountain Brook and E3 has gone to Fairmont station. We're starting our annual service on all apparatus.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

As reported last month, we have received 3 applications. We have submitted all 3 of the applications for background checks. We'll be meeting with one applicant at the end of October after he gets back from hunting. We'll be meeting with another applicant next Monday. We haven't set up a meeting with the 3<sup>rd</sup> applicant who is re-applying. Gary will be setting up that meeting date. We also had a 16 y/o make application and have invited him to training this week so we can talk with him.

Gary spoke with a VFIS insurance person last week regarding applicant consultation. Gary is suggesting that the line officers meet with the applicant who is re-applying (Jamie Meyer). Trustees suggested that Jamie be asked what has changed related to Creston Fire. Trustees also discussed that "trust", both ways, is the biggest issue. Trustees recommended that Gary, Bill and line officers briefly meet with Jamie. Going forward we will be developing a guideline regarding re-application after turning in gear.

In September we had 19 calls, 3 of which were fire calls and 16 were medical calls. Gary discussed some of those calls with the Trustees.

We're continuing Firefighter I training. Mike York attended the Fire Academy in Great Falls and will help to lead that training process. The MT Mutual Aid meeting will be the first weekend of November.

Dan Nielsen and Raney Frick's 8 month old daughter passed away a couple weeks ago. Reagan was a real fighter during her life. A Memorial was held for her last weekend.

**ASSOCIATION:**

At Soup for Supper last night, we served soup, salad and desserts to just over 500 people. A lot of people expressed their appreciation for the fire department bringing the community together. This year we had almost 50 sponsors.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Last week was Fire Prevention Week. Fire Marshall Harron and several members visited all of the schools in our district. Holt Stage Hideaway is doing a Fire Prevention gathering on Sunday of which we will be participating.

At previous meetings, we have been talking about SCBA replacement. DOT requires that we have to replace all SCBA cylinders since they are 15 years old. Gary has been looking at SCBA's and has received a price quote. Gary is asking that we purchase 22 Scott SCBA's. This purchase would include 22 spare cylinders and 22 spare face pieces. It doesn't include extra regulators which would be an additional cost of about \$20,000. Gary isn't requesting extra regulators at this time. The purchase of these SCBA's includes being updated to latest NFPA standards and flow tests annually. The total cost for these SCBA's is \$154,150. To qualify for that pricing, this order needs to be made before the end of November. Greg moved that the District purchase the 22 new SCBA's and Tom seconded. After discussion, the Trustees unanimously approved the purchase of the 22 new SCBA's. To pay for these SCBA's, Greg moved that we use \$100,000 out of the capital improvement fund and pay the remaining \$54,150 out of the Maintenance and Operation Fund. Tom seconded. After discussion, the Trustees unanimously approved to use \$100,000 from the CIP Fund and \$54,150 from the Maintenance and Operation's Fund. They asked that Louise contact County Finance to find out if the County will transfer the \$100k to the M & O Fund or if the County will write the check for the \$100k. The SCBA invoice will be submitted for payment at November's Trustee meeting.

Gary provided his memo to the Trustees that provides justification for Scott SCBA replacement. After this purchase, we will be able to carry 2 packs on our rescue rig, Engine 8, out of Lake Blaine. Gary is checking into what we are going to do with the old cylinders.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bob asked Louise to check with Vista Linda regarding providing food for a January member appreciation dinner. Louise will get back to the Trustees at next meeting.

Bob stated that we need to get a budget set for the new building. Gary will get back in touch with the Smart Lam designer and come back to the Trustees with that information. It was also suggested that we need to get a sign made and put up at the building site of our new station.

The Department has received a Lucas CPR device from the State. Last Thursday night, the State provided training on the device and we will continue to train all members re: use of the Lucas. Currently, the Lucas has been placed on Engine 8.

**FINANCIALS and CLAIMS:** County financial reports were available for September and have been reconciled with QuickBooks. Invoices were submitted in the amount of \$7,432.04. After review, Tom made a motion to pay these invoices as submitted and Greg seconded. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to have bills paid and checks written. Checks #8932-8950 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The September 2018 Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance after payment of September and early October invoices is \$202,384.33. The September 2018 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$129,737.28.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** none.

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

*Robert Kun*

Robert Kun, Chairman

*Louise Tidwell*

Louise Tidwell, Clerk