

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Tuesday, November 21, 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, Myron Mast, Chief Gary Mahugh, Assistant Chief Bill Tidwell, Louise Tidwell, District Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT:

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: None

AGENDA APPROVAL: Allen made a motion to approve the agenda. Tom 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 tightening some doors and snowplowing has been established at all stations. All heating systems are good. Door lock batteries are being changed.

APPARATUS UPDATE:

Engine 2534 is 100% operational and is back in service. Engine 1 has a pump issue, but pumps plenty of water. Engine 2536 has a pump shaft seal issue, but it's functional. For now we're continuing to pack the seal. Ultimately it will need to be repaired.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Gary, Zack and Billy attended the Montana Mutual Aid conference a couple weeks ago. They discussed fire behavior, cooling of the fire and ventilation for fires of today.

Montana sent several engines to California. Locally Marion, Evergreen and Bigfork sent structure engines. They will be in CA for about another 10 days.

We have drafted two policies for review. One policy is for a Re-Application Process and the second one is a Commitment Agreement. For the Re-Application Process policy, Tom suggested that the word "ticketed" be changed to "convicted" in Section 3. Tom moved to approve the Re-Application Requirement Policy with the word change and Greg seconded. After discussion, the Trustees unanimously approved the Re-application Requirement Policy. The Trustees reviewed the CFD Member Agreement document and didn't suggest any changes. FD Members will be asked to sign this agreement.

In October we had 21 calls, 5 of which were fire calls and 16 were medical calls. Through October, we have been dispatched to 221 calls. Gary discussed some of those calls with the Trustees.

We continue to recruit for new members.

ASSOCIATION: The Association is working on a Bylaw update.

OLD BUSINESS:

Gary presented pictures of some new station ideas. These designs were provided at no cost to us. By comparison, our current meeting room is approximately 34' x 36'. The preliminary design shows 3 truck bays, 2 of which would be drive through and 1 bay for a command rig, transport rig, etc. with a storage/laundry room in the back of that bay. Smart Lam has still indicated interest in constructing this building for CFD. Gary asked for the Trustee's input. Additionally, we will establish a committee from the membership to give us more input. Gary has been talking to contractors about a septic system, a well, landscaping, etc. After we get preliminary plans together, we need to start talking and meeting with our community.

SCBA's were ordered two weeks ago. They should be here in about two weeks. County Finance has transferred \$100,000 from the CIP Fund to the M & O Fund as requested/approved by the Trustees at the last meeting.

Louise contacted Vista Linda regarding providing food for a January member appreciation dinner. With the same menu as (prime rib, chicken cordon bleu) we had last year, it is \$20/person. Allen moved to have the member appreciation dinner to be catered by Vista Linda on January 10. Greg seconded the motion. After discussion, the Trustees unanimously approved to have the member appreciation dinner on January 10 and have Vista Linda cater that dinner.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

FINANCIALS and CLAIMS: County financial reports were available for October and have been reconciled with QuickBooks. Invoices were submitted in the amount of \$10,673.29. After review, Myron made a motion to pay these invoices as submitted and Tom seconded. Being no further discussion, Trustees unanimously voted to have bills paid and checks written. Checks #8951-8967 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The October 2018 Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance after payment of October and early November invoices is \$296,877.68. The October 2018 Capital Improvement/Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$29,921.17.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Jim Dicks, a retired ALERT pilot, wood burned 3 plaques that he gifted to Creston Fire: a Fireman's Prayer plaque, a plaque for Joe Brenneman and "It's What we Do" plaque in honor of Bill Nichel. When the plaque "It's What We Do" was presented, Bill Nichel's family was invited.

The next Trustee's Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 10 am at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40am.

Robert Kun, Chairman

Louise Tidwell, Clerk