

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 10am, 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, Assistant Chief Bill Tidwell, Louise Tidwell, District Clerk

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** None

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**MINUTES:** July meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Trustees. Note that a June meeting was only held for check signing.

**FACILITIES:**

We've been working to secure the non-burn building at Lake Blaine. The code on the locks is 1235. Some weed control has been done at Fairmont Station.

**APPARATUS UPDATE:**

Pump testing was done on 4 apparatus earlier this month. Engines 1, 4, 5, and 6 are the only engines that get pump tested. Engine 4 passed pump testing. Engines 1, 5 and 6 didn't pass pump testing. E 1 had the pump rebuilt 3 years ago and may have a water bypass problem. Following repair, E1 will be retested. Engine 5 has been repaired and now passed pump testing. E 6 needs to have the pump rebuilt or replaced.

A new pump for E6 is \$23,000 and Gary said that we can get an additional 30% discount. Prior to this meeting, Bob authorized having a new pump installed. Thus, the new pump has been ordered and hopefully will be here within 13 weeks. We haven't had to use the brush trucks for wildland fires much this year yet.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

We have a member, Raney Frick, who has requested to take an EMT class and has submitted that request in writing. The cost of the class is about \$1,000 plus books/materials. The County will give a scholarship to start with and will also give additional scholarship monies following completion. However, the County hasn't identified scholarship amounts. Bob made a motion to pay up to \$1,500 for Raney's tuition and materials. Tom seconded. Following discussion Trustees unanimously approved.

We have two training officers: Roman Mallery and Zack Bradley. One of the charges they were given was to have the FFI training program completed before the 2019 Auction. There has been non-performance by these two training officers. Gary has made a change to the FFI and Driver training. Gary has asked Department Officers to take charge of the training for these two programs.

We have received an application from Tinker Harrison. She has come to a couple trainings; however, we found out at last week's training that she doesn't live in our district. We have postponed a membership meeting until we find out if she finds a place to live in the Creston District.

In July, we were dispatched to 23 calls, 9 of which were fire calls and 14 were medical calls. Gary and Bill discussed some of the calls with the Trustees. Through July we have gone to 149 calls. We had 15 wind-related calls Aug 10-12.

The water system has not yet been installed in the subdivision off Mennonite Church Rd. We have heard that all lots in the subdivision east of the nursery have been sold. The Four Season's Nursery ownership has changed, and we believe that the water arrangement will also change.

Gary will be meeting this month with the person who did preliminary new building drawings. This fall we would like to begin some of the infrastructure for the new station.

**ASSOCIATION:**

Friends of Creston Fire is kicking off a fund-raising raffle on September 8, 12-5pm at Blaine Creek Grill. The Association voted at their last business meeting to spend \$2,100 to purchase prize items. Drawing for the big prize raffle will take place on Sunday at the end of Auction, 2020. All raffle proceeds and proceeds from this event will go toward our building fund.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustees reviewed and discussed again the FY 2020 budget requested that includes a \$11,000 transfer from Account #7206 to Account #7237. Greg moved that the final FY 2020 budget request be approved and Myron seconded. Trustees unanimously approved the FY 2020 budget and transfer request. Bob signed the budget request that will be submitted to the County showing the \$11,000 transfer of funds. Trustees signed the Creston Rural Fire District Budget Approval Resolution #2020-08 that will also be submitted to the County.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**FINANCIALS and CLAIMS:** County financial reports were not available for July. Invoices were submitted in the amount of \$8,689.89. After review, Allen 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 #9140-9161 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The July 2019 Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance after payment of July and early August invoices to date is \$273,089.39. The July 2019 Capital Improvement Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$30,505.83. Note that the balance of each account is before transfer of \$11,000 and before each account has been reconciled with the County's July financial report.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Vicky is doing well after her fall.

The next Trustee's meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

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Robert Kun, Chairman

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Louise Tidwell, Clerk