

A regular meeting of the Creston Fire District was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, 10am, at the Main Station. The meeting was called to order by Robert Kun, Chairman.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Kun, Tom Arnone, Paul Siblingud, Myron Mast, Assistant Chief Bill Tidwell, Louise Tidwell, District Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chief Gary Mahugh (out of state)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

AGENDA APPROVAL: Paul made a motion to approve the agenda. Myron seconded. The meeting agenda was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: October meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Trustees.

FACILITIES:

Bill reported that heat at the Fairmont Station has been found off periodically. The Trustees recommended that a new thermostat with remote Wifi access be installed. A broken pipe in the crawl space at the main station was replaced.

APPARATUS UPDATE:

Engine 2 has a crack in the water tank. It is now at Northland for repair. The new Chevy response vehicle, 2562, was delivered. The topper needs some repair. Sorenson's gave us an estimate of \$600 to repair the topper, reseal it around the bed and repaint it. The Trustees authorized that work on the topper to be done. The brush guard bumper for 2562 will be about \$1,500 to \$2,000 and the light package about \$2,000 to \$2,500. The Trustees authorized getting the brush guard bumper and the light package. The Pump on 2536 should be installed within the next two weeks. Engine 2531 has had the electronic shift selector module replaced.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

We had a membership committee meeting scheduled with Tinker that she canceled. We have asked Tinker to let us know when she can meet. To date, we haven't heard back from her. We don't have any other new applications.

Raney Frick has finished her EMT class and passed her tests last weekend. The County has contracted with Best Practice Medicine to provide EMT and refresher training.

In October, we were dispatched to 26 calls, 8 of which were fire calls and 16 were medical calls. Bill discussed some of the calls with the Trustees. Through October, we have gone to 241 calls.

For training in the next few months, we're going to focus on CPR, Haz Mat Operations (Jon Campbell from Kalispell Fire will assist) and Driver Operator training.

Following discussion of the Confidentiality Agreement that Department members have signed, Trustees agreed that the Confidentiality form doesn't need to be revised for the Trustees. Subsequently they

signed a Confidentiality Agreement. A copy of the CFD Member Commitment Agreement that Department members signed last week was provided to and discussed by the Trustees.

It was noted that Cayuse Prairie is still using the Lake Blaine Facility for tutoring the special needs student. Louise checked in with the School Administrator last week and was told that all is going well.

ASSOCIATION:

Friends of Creston Fire are still selling raffle tickets. They have been selling tickets at a number of places including Murdoch's, Grange events and will be at Snappy's in December. As of last weekend, they have sold enough tickets to cover the cost of the raffle items. A community CPR class was provided last night. There were 9 people who attended.

OLD BUSINESS:

Paul suggested that once we get together an estimate of new building costs and total the dollar amount of all the work that will be donated, we could develop a sign with a thermometer showing how much money we have and how much money is needed. He believes at that point there will be other people in the community who will donate monies towards that new building. Again, the new station drawings will eventually go through a licensed engineer and through the permit process.

Bill reported on progress with the water tank replacement at Lake Blaine. The tanks have been replaced by Tom Anderson at Glacier Precast at no cost to the Department. Excavation was done by Massey Excavating at no cost to the Department. An invoice has been submitted by Massey Excavating for the actual cost of the pea gravel used to backfill around the tanks. Tom made a motion to pay Massey Excavating for the gravel used. Myron seconded. After discussion, the Trustees unanimously voted to pay the Massey gravel invoice as submitted. Trustees asked that Louise put together a donation thank you letter for both Glacier Precast and Massey Excavating.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustees discussed having a member appreciation dinner. It was suggested that we hold the dinner on January's business meeting night that is on January 9. Louise will check with Vista Linda to see if they are available to cater a meal that night. Louise is working on Fire Department history and will endeavor to have some Department's history put together for presentation at the member appreciation dinner.

FINANCIALS and CLAIMS: County financial reports were available for October. Invoices were submitted in the amount of \$24,300.25. After review, Paul 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 #9199-9225 were issued and signed to pay the approved bills. The October 2019 Maintenance & Operations #7206 fund account balance after payment of October and early November invoices to date is \$233,957.71. The October 2019 Capital Improvement Truck Fund #7237 account balance is \$30,668.11. Note that the balance of each account is before transfer of \$11,000 to the CIP fund.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The next Trustee's meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at the Main Creston Hall Fire Station.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Robert Kun, Chairman

Louise Tidwell, Clerk