

Meeting at Fire hall July 27, 2016 @ 6:00pm

Meeting called to order@ 6:05 pm

Present : Meeting w/ County commissioner, Phil Mitchell, County Finance Director, Sandy Carlson, James Brower, training co-ordinator, and community members.

Trustees Norma McBroom, Keith Kastner, & Dodie Therrien as well as Olney firefighters: Shane Feightner, Assistant chief Lance Torgerson, Vince Marks, as well as Olney EMS: Veronica Morehead, Kim Gress, and Becky Cressler.

Norma made a motion to approve agenda. Keith 2nd. Vote: all in favor. Passed

Keith made motion to approve minutes from trustee meeting 7/13/16 as read. Norma 2nd. Vote: all in favor. Passed.

Business: Bills in arrears from last trustee meeting have been paid. What Commissioner Phil and Sandy have put into place for in the future for trustees to pay bills.

The resignation from Fire Chief Ken Morehead - Trustees have signed documents to accept the resignation and turned the documents over to Commissioner Phil and Sandy at County.

Interim Fire Chief: Assistant chief Lance Torgerson has offered to take the interim Fire Chief and has asked Vince Marks to be his assistant chief. They will share the duties.

We need to change key code on outside doors.

Two bills need to be paid tonight- McNeil & Co. for the insurance for the trucks \$2168.75 for the first installment and DNRC land lease (\$1397.50) payments for 2016. The necessary paperwork had not previously been filled out by fire chief so the 3 trustees, firefighter Vince & Lance all worked to get paperwork completed to be current.

Keith made motion to pay insurance and DNRC. Norma 2nd. Vote: all in favor. Passed.

James Brower has been in contact with our underwriter, Glacier Insurance of Libby in regards to our vehicle policy - we have flood insurance, the 1997 rescue truck is still covered. Maybe he can get our policy reduced. Our Accident & sickness policy insurance is through Tom Wood - Provident. James said that State Workers Comp could be a better way to go - that policy is due in November, 2016

Thank you James! We appreciate your help.

A lot of discussion followed with the Fire Chief position, Assistant Chief, possible selling of anything from the fire hall, We need to wait until we have a full board. Anything over \$2500 - should be public auction.

Ambulance: any billing needs to be set up first. James said there is a Ambulance billing company out of Eureka to do the billing to report to State. Again, we need a full board to make that decision.

Also, for Motor Vehicle Accidents charging for our trucks needs to be set up first - again, full board.

The 2 Olney trustee positions that are open - the positions are posted at the fire hall and Olney post office. If interested, a letter of interest needs to be sent in. Commissioner passed out more forms for anyone interested.

The County Commissioners are the ones who decides on who becomes trustees.

For trustee meetings maybe we can post the dates in the Hungry Horse & Daily Inter Lake if there is no charge.

Chief Page from Whitefish has offered training for firefighters 1 or 2 a month for little or minimal cost.

For the ambulance needs - EMS manager has to turn in order to trustees for supplies. They in turn go through Sandy at finance dept to pay the bill.

New Budget: Commissioner Phil said that if we did not pass the new budget our taxes would remain the same as last year. There was discussion on every line item on the new budget. Keith made motion to accept the new budget that Sandy has prepared. Norma 2nd. Vote; all in favor. Passed. New budget for 2017 is for \$63,560
Commissioner Phil asked if anyone would like to sign up to prosecute. He would not take more than 4-5 signatures.

Attorneys will work on prosecutions. Sherriff initiates the investigation. Trustee by laws need to be sent to Sandy. All trustees need to go to mandatory trustee meeting in Kalispell.

Commissioner Phil will be coming to monthly trustee meetings.

Meeting adjourned 9:35 pm

