

Trustee Meeting September 14, 2016 Meeting at Fire Hall at 6:00 pm **Meeting called to order at 6:07 pm**

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

Norma said I forgot to put Becky Cressler as in attendance in the August 10th trustee meeting.

**Paul made the motion to approve minutes** with the correction of adding Becky in attendance . Keith 2nd. Vote: all in favor. Passed.

**Present:** County Commissioner Phil Mitchell, Lincoln Chute, Emergency Services Area Manager

Trustees: Norma McBroom, Keith Kastner, Dodie Therrien, new trustees Paul Jeremiassen, Jason Rowles

Interim Olney Fire Chief Lance Torgerson, and interim Olney Assistant Fire Chief Vince Marks

Olney EMT manager Veronica Morehead, EMT's Kim Gress, Michalle McMillan, and Becky Cressler

Olney new fire crew candidate Wayne Rehmert and approximately 25 community members present.

Both of our 2 new trustees were introduced and were welcomed.

*In the future*, Paul suggested that Dodie e-mail agenda for current meeting and minutes from last month's meetings to all trustees before meeting. This will be done.

**\*\* Unfinished business:**

**As a committee of one**, Paul will work with Lincoln on by-laws, send them to all trustees via email to review and make any comments and then pass along to County Attorney to be ready for our October meeting for our Board approval vote. (Subject to any further changes at meeting on October 12th) Paul has a prior commitment on Oct 12th and will be out of town, but will have all paperwork done and ready.

Since we have a full Board, we will vote on election of officers (to serve until May, 2017) and explain the duties of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary.

**Also, a committee of one**, Paul is working on the feasibility of re-financing of vehicles debt with State. If possible, board needs to vote to proceed with project.

**McNeil & Company Insurance on vehicles.** Again, we need to talk (vote) about dropping the flood insurance. Even though it is \$150 for the year, we are in dire need. We also need to get value of fire vehicles. How can we save money.

**Need to make a policy for borrowing chairs and tables from Fire Hall** - having person to attend a trustee meeting.

Then vote on the policy in October meeting.

*Key code for outside doors* are still up in the air.

**Accident & Sickness for firefighters an EMT's** - Need to see if Tom Wood, agent, can be at Oct. meeting

**Century Link update.** Since Dodie started with them, she will continue to talk to them re: our fire hall telephone bill.

**\*\* New Business:**

**Need to start advertising for snowplowing for firehall.** Ideally, we can post our request in Post Office, Olney Store, and Fire Hall to get someone to apply.

**Fred Peters** - we are sending a thank you note from trustees for his idea on "diesel jar" money for Fire Hall. Fred said that is the only thing he can think of to give to the community. He is definitely in favor of the fire Dept. to continue to be in service.

**A copy of September's bills were read** and passed around to community members.

**Becky Cressler** - asked to be able to have a "Craft Fusion" on October 15, 2016 10:00am to 4:00 pm. Vendors will be asked to bring potluck with them. Fire Dept will not furnish lunch - Craft tables will cost \$15 each. Norma made the motion to let Becky have the Craft Fusion. Keith 2nd. Vote: all in favor. Passed. Becky's number:881-2513 to inquire.

**\*\* Prosecution Update:** Commissioner Phil said when he finds out something, he will pass the info onto us.

**\*\* General Public:** Angela LaRoque came up with an idea for Olney Fire to be a substation of Whitefish. Whitefish has a flat fee for each home. In asking Lincoln, we would be classified as a satellite station. It would not be mutual aide and probably not be beneficial to our Fire District. We do thank you Angela, for your input.

**Ambulance billing:** Veronica said the gal from Eureka will be coming next month. She has an extremely busy schedule.

**ISO - result of September 9th, 2016** meeting at fire hall w/ Vince. He said he would try to get our rating from a 9 to 8B.

**New fire fighter candidates:** Keith moved that we approve candidates (Wayne Rehmert and Sonny Krueger) to be on Olney fire crew on a probationary period. Norma 2nd. Vote: all in favor. Passed.

**2 yellow top batteries:** Keith took batteries back - Whitefish Napa charged batteries. Now we have 2 extra batteries.

**Olney Fire Crew & emts:** they are donating work time and supplies to close in the east side of building. We thank you!

**Since last trustee meeting:** # fire calls\_\_\_\_.# ambulance calls\_\_\_\_. Total of each since beginning of fiscal year. 7/1/16

Keith made motion to adjourn. Norma 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

