

**OLNEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 10, 2017 AT OLNEY FIRE HALL**

Call to Order – 7:00 pm

Roll Call

Trustees present: Paul Jeremiassen, Norma McBroom, Laurel Therrien, Keith Kastner; Jason Rowles absent (traveling)

Fire & Ambulance members: Lance Torgerson, Vincent Marks, Kimberly Gress, Michalle McMillan, Becky Kresler

Community members: 8

Motion to approve meeting agenda made by Keith Kastner; seconded by Norma McBroom; carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes of March 8th meeting made by Keith Kastner; seconded by Norma McBroom; carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Town Pump Grant – We received a \$5,000 grant from Town Pump for new air tanks. Donna Maddox was commended for her efforts in submitting the grant proposal.

Mother's Day Breakfast – Becky Kressler, Lance Torgerson and Norma McBroom gave an update on the preparations for the breakfast on Sunday. Nearly all the food has been donated to the event; pickup assignments were done. All the gift items will be given out through a raffle; there will be no silent auction.

Secretary's Report

Bills presented for payment

CenturyLink \$114.56 – the billing was finally correct.

Lincoln Electric \$110.41 – April electricity

Kalispell Regional Medical Center \$55.85 – medical supplies for ambulance

Community Leasing Partners \$641.03 – fee for late lease payment from last FY

Motion was made by Keith Kastner to approve the payment of bills as presented; seconded by Norma McBroom; carried unanimously.

Refinancing Update – The Montana State Board of Investments has approved our request for a refinancing loan on the 2011 Kenworth Water Tender. We are still awaiting a proposal from Community Leasing Partners to decide how to proceed. A final decision will be made at the June Board meeting.

New Business

Trustee Election – because Keith Kastner was the only applicant for his expiring term on the Board, he was appointed by to a new 3-year term by the County Supervisors.

Annual Election of Officers – Keith Kastner moved for the re-election of Laurel Therrien as Chair, Jason Rowles as Vice Chair, and Paul Jeremiassen as Secretary; seconded by Norma McBroom; carried unanimously.

Fire Hall Roof Damage – Keith Kastner is arranging for the rental of a lift from Midway Repair to allow the engineer designated by our insurer to examine the damage to determine the cause and recommend repairs. The lift rental will be \$150 for the day plus the cost of delivery to be determined.

Fire and Ambulance Report

Resignations – Vincent Marks tendered his resignation as a member of the Department, effective immediately. He offered to assist the Department in any way he can. At that point, Becky Cressler and Lance Torgerson announced that they were also resigning, effective after the Mother's Day breakfast. Members of the Board and community expressed appreciation for their service.

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The resignations reduce the number of active Members to 5. There was discussion of a need to do a complete review of the mission and capabilities of the Department, including the suggestion for a special community meeting to explore options.

Activity Report - # of calls since last meeting: 1 ambulance (no fire); YTD calls (since last July 1st): 30 total/21 ambulance/9 fire

As there was no additional **Public Discussion**, motion was made to **Adjourn the Meeting** at 7:45 by Paul Jeremiassen, seconded by Norma McBroom, and carried unanimously.

Submitted by Paul Jeremiassen, Secretary