

**OLNEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 13, 2017 AT OLNEY FIRE HALL**

Call to Order – 7:02 pm

Roll Call

Trustees present: Paul Jeremiassen, Norma McBroom, Laurel Therrien, Keith Kastner, and Jason Rowles

Fire Chief Bruce McMillan

Members of Community and Department: 2

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

Motion to approve minutes of July 12th meeting made by Keith Kastner; seconded by Jason Rowles; carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Kenneth Morehead sentencing – Paul Jeremiassen, who attended the sentencing on August 10th, reported that Morehead was sentenced to 6 years (all of which was suspended), and ordered to pay \$26,911.61 in restitution to the District, the amount we submitted to the Court. He also apologized to the Olney community for his actions. It is unclear when and if Morehead will make any restitution payments, but he is presumably subject to imprisonment if he fails to do so. In the process, he has also been convicted of a felony.

Fire Hall roof repair update - Keith Kastner reported that Z Carpentry will make the repairs in October, probably over a weekend. The estimate of \$2,075 has been covered by McNeil, our insurance carrier during the time the damage occurred.

Accident and Sickness/Workers Compensation Insurance - it is proposed that the current VFIS Accident and Sickness policy be renewed, adding a provision for \$10,000 death benefit for Members when off-duty (\$49 annual cost). Also proposed is the addition of Workers Compensation coverage from Montana State Fund. These two policies are coordinated such that the Workers Compensation coverage is primary and the Accident and Sickness coverage is secondary. This significantly reduces the annual cost of the Accident and Sickness policy, compared to the prior year. Both policies will be effective as of October 1st (the renewal date of the Accident and Sickness policy will be adjusted from November 1st to align with the Workers Compensation policy). Recap of costs:

Prior Year - Accident and Sickness only - \$1,758

Renewal – Workers Compensation - \$1,035; Accident and Sickness (including off-duty death benefit) - \$685; Total cost - \$1,720

The Workers Compensation cost is based on the current number of Members and is subject to audit. Each new Member increases the cost by about \$120.

Keith Kastner made a motion to approve the insurance coverages as proposed; Seconded by Jason Rowles; carried unanimously.

New Business

Local resident Erin Hankins borrowed 10 chairs and 3 tables from the Fire Hall on August 25th for a baby shower event and returned them on August 27th. A \$5 donation was given to the District.

Secretary's Report

Bills presented for payment

CenturyLink	\$109.02	September Telephone
RES	\$10,518.56	Repair and maintenance on all vehicles
Lincoln Electric	\$119.15	September Electricity

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Flathead County	\$112.50	EMT training from January – McMillan, Gress, Cressler
Olney Store	\$115.50	Fuel purchases
Montana State Fund	\$467.75	Deposit on Workers Comp insurance 10/17 – 9/18

The high RES charges reflect the effort to catch up on significantly overdue repair and preventative maintenance on all vehicles. Other than a continuing transmission issue on the Rescue Truck, all vehicles should now be in good operating condition. With current annual budget of \$5,000, we will likely be reducing the amount we planned to transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund this year.

We are now purchasing all our fuel – diesel and gasoline – from the Olney Store. Store owner Fred Peters wants to purchase diesel in increments – probably 200 gallons – and have the District pay his wholesale cost. We will purchase gasoline – only for the First Response vehicle – at retail. We will pay the store monthly.

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

During the meeting, Community member Donna Briggs presented a donation of \$50 to the District, with a note of thanks for allowing the Fire Hall to be used for a community church service on August 6th. The Board expressed appreciation for her support.

Fire Chief's Report

Chief Bruce McMillan gave a detailed report on the activities of the Department, which is attached hereto. Corrections to the report include: Item 4 under New Business – EMS 2120 should be EMS 2121; under Personnel, Members listed did not include Michalle McMillan and Jeremy Goodin; also Prospective Applicants did not include Gary Schlom.

There was a brief discussion whether the Community would have input in the decision to add new Members. Chief McMillan said that he welcomed that input, but it would not be a decision by Community vote.

Motion was made to **Adjourn the Meeting** at 8:24 by Paul Jeremiassen; seconded by Keith Kastner; carried unanimously.

Submitted by Paul Jeremiassen, Secretary

Attachment

Chief's Report – September 13, 2017