

**OLNEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
November 8, 2017 AT OLNEY FIRE HALL**

**Call to Order** – 7:02 pm

**Roll Call**

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

Trustees absent: Keith Kastner

Department members: Chief Bruce McMillan, Wayne Rehmert, Michalle McMillan and Kim Gress

Community members: none

**Motion to approve meeting agenda** made by Norma McBroom; seconded by Jason Rowles; carried unanimously.

**Motion to approve minutes of October 11th meeting** made by Jason Rowles; seconded by Norma McBroom; carried unanimously.

**Unfinished Business**

Fire Hall roof repair – the repairs were made on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> by Z Carpentry. Wayne Rehmert and Vince Marks moved trucks so that the inside work could be completed.

**New Business**

Snow plowing – Rocky Gress has offered to do plowing around the Fire Hall for \$50 per event and \$75 per hour for the bobcat as needed to clear snow piles. Kim Gress will have Rocky provide a written bid for the work for this winter season. Based on the bidding process conducted last season, this is the best option for getting the Fire Hall area plowed on a timely basis. Paul Jeremiassen made a motion to approve the bid as offered by Rocky Gress for the upcoming Winter season; seconded by Jason Rowles; carried unanimously.

**Secretary's Report**

Bills submitted for approval to pay:

Z Carpentry	\$2,075.00	Fire Hall repair – covered by paid insurance claim
Lincoln Electric	\$73.14	October Electricity
CenturyLink	\$111.57	October Telephone
RES	\$6,979.50	Rescue truck transmission repair; Quick Response truck light bar replacement
U.S. Postmaster	\$48.63	Bulk mailing of Chief's report; book of postage stamps
Olney Store	\$39.70	Fuel purchases
Montana State Fund	\$467.75	Replacement for check previously issued – lost in transit

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

The payment to RES should complete the process of catching up on fleet maintenance and repairs. Fiscal year to date, we have spent over \$18,000 against a budget of \$5,000. As previously indicated, we probably will not be transferring as much to the Capital Improvement Fund as budgeted. The next quarterly budget report will be presented in January.

**Chief's Report**

Chief Bruce McMillan presented his monthly report, which is attached hereto. A letter from the Chief to be bulk mailed to the community (Olney Post Office box holders) was presented at

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the meeting. The letter, describing the activities of the Department since July 1<sup>st</sup>, is attached. Chief McMillan intends to send a report out each calendar quarter to keep the community informed. It was suggested that the letter also be posted at the Olney Store. The cost of each mailing should be under \$50, which includes postage and copying. The current number of active Olney Post Office boxes is 164.

Motion was made to **Adjourn the Meeting** at 7:53 by Paul Jeremiassen; seconded by Norma McBroom; carried unanimously.

Submitted by Paul Jeremiassen, Secretary

**Attachments**

Chief's Report – November 8th, 2017  
Community Report

## 11-18-17 Trustee Meeting Report(for October)

### Call outs for October:

10/17 trees across powerlines, grass fire investigation  
Norma McBroom, Jeremy Goodin, Wayne Rehmert  
responded

### Current Vehicles in Service:

2121 – Ambulance  
2131 – Engine/Pump Truck  
2151 – Rescue Rig  
2161 – Quick Response  
2181 – Wildland Truck  
2191 – Water Tender

### Fuel Cost for October:

10/11/17 \$37.90  
10/17/17 8 gallons \$25.60

### New Business:

- \*Rocky Gress has offered to keep plowing out the fire hall for \$50.00 per event and \$75.00/hour if bobcat is needed.
- \*Light bar on the quick response truck has been installed and is working well.
- \*Repairs to the roof seem to be holding well. Thank you Keith.
- \*Chief's letters have been completed and would like approval to mail them.

### Training plans for November:

- \*11/15 fire simulation with pump truck/water tender
- \*11/22 normal EMS meeting night we would like to move to the following week.

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- \*11/29 first responder first aid/CPR

Active Members:

Bruce McMillan  
Wayne Rehmert  
Norma McBroom'  
Vince Marks (honorary)  
Kim Gress  
Rocky Gress  
Michalle McMillan  
Jeremy Goodin  
Brent Helnore (candidate)  
Tim Helnore (candidate)  
Pete Brown (candidate)

Bill Kunz is interested in joining the department.

October 31, 2017

Chief's Quarterly

Dear Olney Fire District Residents,

I would like to take moment to report to you on our Fire and Ambulance Service.

Currently we have 7 active members, 1 honorary member (who is active as needed) and 4 new recruit members in training. Our fire equipment resources include 1 ambulance, 1 tender (water truck), 1 quick response vehicle, 1 type one wildland truck, a pump truck and a rescue truck. All of the vehicles have been serviced and our ambulance has passed its state inspection. The fire hall had its roof repaired from last year's winter snow damage.

We have logged 35 hours of training since this past July.

Our members have responded to 7 call outs and worked 6 days for the DNRC since August 1<sup>st</sup>. Our focus has been recruitment, vehicle maintenance and training. Many thanks to MSV Fire School for their instruction and direction.

As I am sure you know, Olney Fire and Ambulance is a completely volunteer organization, and depends on local area volunteers to perform our mission. If you are interested in providing a valuable community service and would like to learn more, please contact me at (406) 868-0233, or [olneyfcbruce@gmail.com](mailto:olneyfcbruce@gmail.com).

We are grateful for your support and proud to serve. We hope your and your families have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Best wishes from Olney Fire and Ambulance

Bruce McMillan, Fire Chief

BAH (secretary)