

**OLNEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
April 8, 2019 AT OLNEY FIRE HALL**

**Call to Order:** 7:02 pm

Trustees present: Chair Donna Maddux, Vice Chair Laurel Therrien, Secretary Paul Jeremiassen, and Trustees Norma McBroom and Keith Kastner.

Department Members: Chief Wayne Rehmert, Assistant Chief Jordon Carr, and Levi Gress.

Community Members: None

**Secretary's Report**

Motion to approve Minutes of the February meeting made by Kastner; seconded by McBroom; carried unanimously.

Bills presented for payment – attached hereto. Motion made by McBroom to approve payment of the bills as presented; seconded by Kastner; carried unanimously.

**Chief's Report**

Chief Rehmert presented his monthly report, summarized as follows:

March call outs

4/9 – MVA on Hwy 93 mm 149 (Carr and Gress) – no one at scene so Highway Patrol said to leave.

4/20 – 6505 Hwy 93 (McBroom) – disoriented female. Whitefish ambulance responded.

Fire Hall roof leak – no one has come to investigate the issue further yet (cause could be an ice dam).

Batteries for radios and pagers – McBroom picked them up and delivered them to the Fire Hall.

QRU status – Chief Rehmert met with Lincoln Chute and Rick Sacca from the County and Joe Page, Whitefish Fire Chief, to set up a plan for callouts, based on our QRU status. The Department will still respond to MVA and medical calls, but only for mutual aid.

“Era of Mega Fires” movie – DNRC is still planning on holding the movie night at the Fire Hall on May 24<sup>th</sup>, but the time has been changed from 7pm to 6 pm.

Mothers Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – food donations/purchases have been arranged.

Jeremiassen volunteered to do pickups and pay for purchases. McBroom provided details on donations so far for the raffle/silent auction. A planning meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, to prepare for the breakfast on the following Sunday. A crew will set up for the breakfast on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.

New Chief - Chief Rehmert plans to leave the Department in May. At this time, there is no clear alternative to replace him, including the return of any one of the former Chiefs, which appears unlikely.

Department Meetings

4/15 – no meeting

4/22 – basic first aid, possibly with the assistance of Veronica Kerney.

Jeremiassen asked about routine vehicle maintenance. None has been performed this fiscal year. Chief Rehmert said he would contact RES to see if the annual maintenance can be scheduled.

**Unfinished Business**

Fuel purchases – Jeremiassen was unable to make contact before the meeting with Lincoln Chute at the County regarding a fuel card program that is being utilized by other fire departments. Jeremiassen will talk to Lincoln before the next meeting, so that a decision can be made as to whether that program will work for us, or whether we should procure a Genex credit card.

Future of the Department – To encourage volunteers, Jordon Carr placed a small stack of flyers at the Olney Post Office. No decision was made on a community letter to explain our current volunteer situation, and to invite community input.

We will also need to explore the possibilities for coordinating fire and EMS protection with the City of Whitefish and the Whitefish and County Fire Areas, given our limited response capability due to lack of volunteers.

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**Trustee Comments**

McBroom said she had talked to a local painter who is willing to repaint the Fire Hall ceiling on a pro bono basis. She will follow up on the details to see if it can be accomplished before the Mothers Day Breakfast.

There being no further comments or discussion, McBroom moved to **adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm;** seconded by Kastner; carried unanimously.

Submitted by Paul Jeremiassen, Secretary

**Attachments:**

Bills Presented for Payment

**OLNEY FIRE DISTRICT  
TRANSACTION REGISTER  
FY 2019**

| CHECK # | DATE   | PAID TO/RECEIVED FROM | DEBIT    | CREDIT | A/C CODE | CASH BAL  | DESCRIPTION                                      |
|---------|--------|-----------------------|----------|--------|----------|-----------|--|
| 5172    | 4/8/19 | Lincoln Electric      | 107.49   |        | 800      | 29,518.85 | March electricity                                |
| 5173    | 4/8/19 | CityServiceValcon     | 523.90   |        | 1300     | 28,994.95 | 310 gals propane @\$1.69                         |
| 5174    | 4/8/19 | Mahugh Fire & Safety  | 123.00   |        | 2000     | 28,871.95 | Annual tank service                              |
| 5175    | 4/8/19 | CenturyLink           | 122.63   |        | 200      | 28,749.32 | April Telephone/Internet                         |
| 5176    | 4/8/19 | VFIS                  | 1,420.00 |        | 600      | 27,329.32 | Quarterly premium - property/liability insurance |
| 5177    | 4/8/19 | Rocky Gress           | 175.00   |        | 300      | 27,154.32 | Plowing - 1 time @ \$75; Bobcat use \$125        |
| 5178    | 4/8/19 | Wayne Rehmert         | 32.50    |        | 500      | 27,121.82 | Reimbursement for fueling First Responder Truck  |