

**OLNEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JANUARY 13, 2021 AT OLNEY FIRE HALL**

Call to Order: 7:05 pm

Trustees present: Chair Gary Hill; Secretary Paul Jeremiassen, and Trustee Norma McBroom. There are currently two vacancies on the Board.

Department Members: None

Community Members: None

Approval of Minutes: As there were no changes proposed for the minutes of the December meeting prepared by Jeremiassen, he moved to approve the November meeting minutes as presented; seconded by McBroom; carried unanimously.

Presentation of Claims and Bills: Jeremiassen presented bills for payment, as attached. One payment, made to Montana State Fund (\$203.92), was issued prior to the meeting, because it would have been received after the due date if issued after the meeting, risking a notice of cancellation of coverage. Jeremiassen moved to approve the payment of bills as presented; seconded by McBroom; carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Reports: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Building security – Hill expressed concern about the lack of a log system for checking out items from the Fire Hall such as tables, and for use of the Fire Hall by others in the community. In the past, requests to use the Fire Hall have been made to the Board in advance for approval. In addition, there was a sign-out log for items, but it is not in the meeting room any longer. There needs to be a follow-up discussion with Chief Carr about making sure we have a record maintained for these situations. Trustee elections – Jeremiassen received a notification from the County about the election of Trustees to be held in May. Our District will have 3 vacancies available to fill. Jeremiassen posted a notice about the election, which is attached hereto, on our community bulletin board and at the Post Office to solicit candidates for these vacancies. Among the 3 current Trustees, McBroom’s term is expiring, so she must decide whether to apply for reelection.

Chief’s Report:

In the absence of Chief Jordon Carr, there was no report presented.

McBroom gave a summary of callouts in December: 3 callouts for motor vehicle accidents; 2 were responded to and one was covered by another agency.

As no further items were presented for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Submitted by Paul Jeremiassen, Secretary

Attachments

January payment of bills

Notice of Trustee election

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 10th

**OLNEY FIRE DISTRICT
TRANSACTION REGISTER
FY 2021**

CHECK #	DATE	PAID TO/RECEIVED FROM	DEBIT	CREDIT	A/C CODE	CASH BAL	DESCRIPTION
5306	1/7/21	Montana State Fund	203.92		1200	52,860.53	Premium installment - WC insurance
5307	1/13/21	Rocky Gress	150.00		300	52,710.53	3 plowings @ \$150
5308	1/13/21	Mahugh Fire & Safety	150.00		400	52,560.53	Carbon Monoxide Monitor
5309	1/13/21	Paul Jeremiassen	22.00		1100	52,538.53	Reimbursement - 2 books postage stamps
5310	1/13/21	VFIS	1,507.00		600	51,031.53	Property/casualty insurance - quarterly installment
5311	1/13/21	WEX Bank	60.95		500	50,970.58	December fuel
5312	1/13/21	VOID	0.00			50,970.58	
5313	1/13/21	Lincoln Electric	101.22		800	50,869.36	December electricity
5314	1/13/21	CityServiceValcon	682.91		1300	50,186.45	Propane - 429.5 gals @ \$1.59
5315	1/13/21	CenturyLink	134.05		200	50,052.40	December telephone/internet

OLNEY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

An election for Trustees of the Olney Rural Fire District will be held this coming May 4th. There will be three vacancies on our Board up for election. The term for a Trustee is 3 years. The District is in urgent need for candidates to fill these positions.

Serving as a Trustee does not require a large time commitment, mainly participation in Board meetings once a month. But the Board serves an essential role in fulfilling the mission of the District, which is to provide first responder coverage to our community through Olney Fire & Rescue. By serving on the Board, Trustees are performing important community service.

To qualify as a Trustee, you must either reside or own property in the District. Those willing to serve on the Board can fill out a candidacy form available in the foyer of the Post Office and return it to the County by February 8th. If no more than 3 applications for the vacancies are received by the County, the Board of Commissioners will fill the vacancies by acclamation. A mail ballot election is only conducted if there are more candidates than vacancies.

If you need further information, you can contact me at 881-2523 or pjeremiassen@icloud.com.

Paul Jeremiassen
Trustee Secretary