

Mountain Fire Protection District

Trustee Meeting

March 24, 2022

In Attendance: Trustees Tony Wright, Clem Remillard, Neil Nelson and Dave Stewart. Harold Kamikawaji absent. Administrator/Financial Officer Sarah Zubkowski. Fire Chief Russ McMann, Deputy Fire Chief Dave Leneveu and Assistant Fire Chief Russ McCallum. Resident Charles Pinker.

Meeting called to order @ 7:01 pm by Neil Nelson. Second by Tony Wright. MSC.

Correspondence:

- Clem Remillard received information from our insurance provider regarding the building insurance.
- Clem Remillard received correspondence from a City resident who wants to join the District as they have problems with the neighbors about burning.
- Government sent information about homeless people in the coming year.

Financial Report: presented by Sarah Zubkowski.

- List of bills noted and discussed.
- Geoff Gowans has reduced his hours with the hall as he has marked his 30 year service mark with the District. Clem Remillard asked about who pays for retirement or celebration dinners. Usually, the board pays remuneration to the fire department which covers this type of expense. The board asked for heads up in the future.
- Website hosting has been updated so that this charge will not go through Dave LeNeveu's credit card.
- Neil Nelson discussed some budget items.

Fire Department Report: presented by Russ McMann.

- 1 call in February – MVI.
- Live fire training went well.

Old Business:

- Tony Wright continues to complete the groundwater licensing.
- Sarah Zubkowski received a cheque from RDN for new 911 line that was billed out.
- Clem Remillard has received permission from highways and is now getting holes drilled in the signs in order to hang them. Clem Remillard would like fire department to come decide where to hang the signs in the District.
- Russ McMann has assessed the damage to the sill and will get some quotes for siding to get fixed.
- Clem Remillard had the roof fixed.
- Clem Remillard has purchased the new Dyson vacuum.
- Russ McMann received some more information on the International truck. There is a new truck coming in but it is the first of its kind therefore they are not sure that it will work. Due to the scarcity of trucks, Russ McMann had to give the go ahead for the

company to order. If we do not go ahead with then it will cost \$500. If the truck works and is agreed upon after order the truck is expected to come by the end of the year.

- No update on the mutual aid agreement.
- Clem Remillard enquired with the insurance agency about the jaws of life and we are currently covered.
- The universal power source (UPS) in the truck bay was completed by Mitch Nelson.
- The used bottles are not going to work as the number of years left on the cylinders is not worth the money. New bottles will need to be purchased in the future.
- The fire hose purchase is on hold until the end of the year.
- Drone is no longer available and there is no comparable drone. The new price would be \$11,000 which is too much.
- The hydraulic hose for the jaws of life are on hold to wait on the budget.
- Neil Nelson talked to the snow removal company and the bent pole and they stated they did not know about. Fire department says it is fixed now.
- HVAC quote provided in the amount for \$4800. Clem Remillard will contact Zak Dunn about getting further quotes for this.
- Neil Nelson looked at the gate at the back stated that the concrete has settled and can be fixed by digging this up and resetting with concrete. Brad Nelson can weld the gate to fix.

New Business:

- Russ McMann stated that there are specific washers and dryers for washing turn out gear, possibly industrial. The current washer and dryer can only wash 2 outer or inner gear at a time and therefore takes quite a while to wash. Dave Stewart suggested using a laundromat or service to get these washed as it may be cheaper.
- Dave LeNeveu stated that there are problems with Creekside Road and complaints.
- Nadine Rosvold asked is she should get some new laundry soap. The board stated that she should go ahead with this.
- Clem Remillard stated that we need a new hot water tank as our current one is dripping. Clem Remillard to contact Zak Dunn to get this replaced.
- Russ McMann asked if the sanitizer stations be kept full by Nadine Rosvold as part of her duties.
- Darcy Morgan was been re-elected as captain. Mitch Nelson and Tyler Pelletier were re-elected for lieutenants.

Questions:

- Charles Pinker stated that there have been concerns about Creekside parking and with the new bridge and stairs to Ammonite Falls. Charles Pinker has been in contact with RDN about no parking signs however they are reluctant to have any new signs installed. Charles Pinker plans to contact the general manager of parks to see if there is a possibility of doing this.
- General by election June 4, 2022 for Charles Pinker's position with the RDN. Charles Pinker is running to keep his spot.
- If there are road conditions to report please get in touch with Charles Pinker.
- Montessori school had the public hearing and it looks like this will be going forward.

Motions Adopted by E-Mail:

- Motion to pay Sarah Zubkowski made by Neil Nelson Feb 28, 2022. Second by Tony Wright Feb 28, 2022.
- Motion to pay bills made by Neil Nelson Mar 3, 2022. Second by Harold Kamikawaji Mar 3, 2022.
- Motion to pay bills made by Neil Nelson Mar 10, 2022. Second by Tony Wright Mar 10, 2022.
- Motion to pay bills made by Harold Kamikawaji Mar 17, 2022. Second by Neil Nelson Mar 17, 2022.
- Motion to pay Sarah Zubkowski made by Neil Nelson Mar 17, 2022. Second by Tony Wright Mar 17, 2022.
- Motion to purchase Dyson vacuum made by Clem Remillard Mar 17, 2022. Second by Neil Nelson Mar 17, 2022.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 8:16 pm made by Neil Nelson. Second by Clem Remillard. MSC.

Next meeting is the **AGM** April 28, 2022 @ 7 pm.