

Mountain Fire Protection District

Trustee Meeting

July 20, 2023

In Attendance: Trustees Neil Nelson, Tony Wright and Clem Remillard. Dave Stewart and Harold Kamikawaji absent. Administrator/Financial Officer Sarah Zubkowski. Deputy Fire Chief Dave LeNeveu and Assistant Fire Chief Darcy Morgan.

Meeting called to order @ 6:59 pm by Neil Nelson. Second by Tony Wright. MSC.

Correspondence:

- Fire department has been in contact with the Montessori school.
- Fire department continues to receive firefighter applications.
- Coastal Fire Centre released report about current fire situations.
- Appraisals for the 3 fire trucks received. 1988 - \$13,400; 2011 - \$230,400; 2015 - \$221,025.

Financial Report: presented by Sarah Zubkowski.

- List of bills noted and discussed.
- Annual budget monies received.

Fire Department Report: presented by Dave LeNeveu.

- 8 calls – 3 wild fire, 1 burning complaint, 2 medical assist, and 2 alarms activated

Old Business:

- The new delivery date for the new fire truck is now November 2023.
- Clem Remillard still to contact City regarding the dry hydrant at Witchcraft Lake. Fire department has measured the area and reviewed what will be needed.
- Snow removal proposals are being looked into by Dave Stewart.

New Business:

- Open house date has been proposed for September 10th. Service awards will also be given out at the open house.
- Hunter McGill was hired to the City of Nanaimo as a fire fighter.
- Clem Remillard had the alarm company here as the alarm system is getting old and not working great. A solution has been posted above the alarm pads. A potential upgrade to system may need to be made.
- Clem Remillard has talked to the new Area C Director and she is going to try to come to the meetings coming forward.

Questions:

- Charles Pinker asked how many of the fire fighters live in the District? Dave LeNeveu stated that it is about 50/50.
- Charles Pinker asked how many trucks were dispatched to the Northfield District? All 3 trucks were sent out at some point. 901 and 902 were immediately dispatched. 903

waited at the hall but was eventually also dispatched. Charles Pinker is concerned as all 3 fire trucks were out of District so if anything was to happen in the District we would not have appropriate coverage. Dave LeNeveu stated that they have discussed the fact that all 3 fire trucks were out of District. 903 is supposed to be left in the District as they feel it has the best chance to deal with a fire locally. Charles Pinker thinks that only one truck should be sent out to mutual aid calls so we have a more reliable truck (i.e. 901 and 902) responding to fire calls in the District. Dave LeNeveu stated that he feels that the response time from a manned fire truck at a mutual aid call is the same as a response time from a fire fighter coming from home to the fire hall to the fire call. Charles Pinker asked who approved the trucks leaving the District? Dave LeNeveu stated that a Captain approved one of the trucks however he is unsure who approved the other ones.

- Charles Pinker asked if the fire department lets the board know if the fire trucks were out of the District? Dave LeNeveu stated that they do not inform the Board for mutual aid calls.
- Charles Pinker asked how long the Captain Derek Girard has been with the fire department? 10 years. How long has Tyler Pelletier been with the fire department? 9 years. Dave LeNeveu stated that the first person to respond to the fire is in charge until a more senior member relieves them.
- Charles Pinker asked if there is a policy for how long a fire fighter can be member? Or if there is an age limit? There is no policy in place. Darcy Morgan stated that it may be a human rights issue. Dave LeNeveu stated that the fire department has active vs non active members. This is determined based on ability to do jobs within the fire departments.

Motions Adopted by E-Mail:

- Motion to pay bills made by Dave Stewart June 22, 2023. Second by Neil Nelson June 22, 2023. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills made by Neil Nelson Jun 29, 2023. Second by Harold Kamikawaji June 29, 2023. MSC.
- Motion to pay Sarah Zubkowski made by Harold Kamikawaji July 4, 2023. Second by Tony Wright July 4, 2023. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills made by Tony Wright July 12, 2023. Second by Harold Kamikawaji July 12, 2023. MSC.
- Motion to pay bills made by Harold Kamikawaji July 19, 2023. Second by Tony Wright July 19, 2023. MSC.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 7:39 pm made by Neil Nelson. Second by Tony Wright. MSC.

Open House September 10, 2023.

Next meeting is on September 21, 2023 @ 7 pm.