

Mountain Fire Protection District

Trustee Meeting

August 14, 2014

In Attendance: Trustees Charles Pinker, Anne Judson, Clem Remillard, and Dean Kauwell. Administrator/Financial Officer Sarah Zubkowski. Fire Chief Steve Ellis and Captain Russ McCallum. Trustee Dale Fulton was absent.

Meeting called to order @ 7:02 pm by Charles Pinker.

1st Order: Minutes from June 26th trustee meeting reviewed prior to meeting, no changes required. Motion to adopt made by Anne Judson. Second by Clem Remillard. MSC.

Financial Report: presented by Sarah Zubkowski.

- List of bills noted. Motion to pay bills made by Clem Remillard. Second by Anne Judson. MSC.

Fire Department Report: presented by Steve Ellis.

- A few callouts for motor vehicle accidents and burning/smoke complaints.
- 902 Fire truck has been working fine since the battery change.
- Russ McCallum questioned whether the District can fine individuals for burning violations. Charles Pinker said no as this is not within our realm as an Improvement District.
- Anne Judson questioned whether there is a way to enforce the burning ban. Both Steve Ellis and Charles Pinker stated that the District cannot do this.
- Charles Pinker questioned whether outdoor ovens are covered under the by-law as a class of fire apparatus. Steve Ellis will look into this further. Clem Remillard stated that we may have to update the current by-law. The board and firefighters will go over this at a later date.
- Steve Ellis stated that there are still issues with calls to the mountain trails and he feels that the volunteer firefighters are performing search and rescue operations which require further equipment (i.e. helmets, boots, ropes, backpacks, first aid kits, basket stretcher, etc). The trustees agreed that the District should purchase gear for 8 firefighters. Steve to follow up with costs before final approval.
- Steve Ellis stated that the new fire truck is still on time however there may need to be some minor changes for storage units.

Old Business:

- Clem Remillard followed up with Les Hunter the District's lawyer regarding the easements on the District's and Dale Fulton's property. Trustees to discuss easements with Dale.
- Clem Remillard was required to respond to the alarm again due to something setting it off in the fire hall. It was determined that spiders or falling equipment has been setting them off.
- Charles Pinker questioned how the sign is to be finished. The District needs to look into sign options and costs for finishing this project.

New Business:

- A water leak was noted in the hallway outside of the office. Clem Remillard to phone Pope& Sons to have assessment and repair completed.
- Steve Ellis provided firefighter short term and long term budgets.
- Steve Ellis requested approval to purchase a Thermal Imaging Camera for the quoted price of approximately \$8,000 including taxes. Anne Judson questioned whether the District needs one? Steve Ellis stated that it would improve the response time and capabilities of the firefighters. Anne Judson questioned whether other volunteer fire departments have them. Steve Ellis stated yes, that most do. Steve Ellis also noted there is a \$5,000 donation that has been made to the East Wellington Firefighters Association (EWFFA) to be used towards the purchase of this camera.
- Steve Ellis requested approval to purchase 3 cylinder packs (air packs) for approximately \$900/each per quote, a gas detector for approximately \$900 per quote and bump tester for approximately \$900 per quote. Motion to approve all requests for purchases made by Dean Kauwell. Second by Anne. MSC.
- Steve Ellis presented a fire department budget for 2015 for consideration by the Board.
- Sarah Zubkowski presented preliminary 2015 budget.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 10:12 pm made by Anne Judson. Second by Dean Kauwell. MSC.

Next trustee meeting is September 18, 2014 @ 7pm.