

Mountain Fire Protection District

Trustee Meeting

December 19, 2019

In Attendance: Trustees Mike de Wit, Tony Wright, Neil Nelson, John Gregson and Clem Remillard. Administrator/Financial Officer Sarah Zubkowski. Chief Russ McMann, Assistant Fire Chief Russ McCallum, and firefighter Dave LeNeveu.

Meeting called to order @ 7:00 pm by Neil Nelson. Second by Mike de Wit. MSC.

Correspondence:

- Sarah Zubkowski received paperwork regarding the year end from the auditors.
- Clem Remillard received a call regarding our grant application requiring some additional information. Clem Remillard discussed her questions and provided additional information and a map of the District.

Financial Report: presented by Sarah Zubkowski.

- List of bills noted.

Fire Department Report: presented by Russ McMann.

- 4 calls in August – 3 MVI's and 1 diesel spill.
- Russ McMann called in Main Road to assist with the diesel spill as it was a slipping/accident hazard.

Old Business:

- John Gregson received signed snow removal contract for the second year.
- John Gregson received tenders today from JE Anderson. 8 tenders received. A company will be chosen from these bids as they are reasonable and within the expected range of bids. John Gregson to confirm with JE Anderson to contact the company chosen.
- Neil Nelson arranged for the water tanks to be moved from Russ McCallum's property.
- John Gregson followed up with Ministry of Environment regarding fires and received some information regarding residents who are not following the burning bylaw. The officers can respond and fine residents.
- Russ McMann asked about whether the lawyers have been contacted regarding the easement issue with the fire tanks. Clem Remillard stated that the information was sent to the lawyer and will be discussed. Russ McMann has suggested a new deal which has been sent to the lawyers to review. This new agreement would have an easement on the property where if the easement is removed in the future, Russ would be responsible for repaying the District for the costs. The board will need to decide on how much this number will be. Follow up will done with the lawyers in the New Year.
- Russ McMann received a flag pole key.

New Business:

- Russ McMann asked if the gas allowances for Wade Pile and Russ McCallum can be switched due to involvement/attendance at the fire hall. Russ McMann asked if the

board can consider paying the lieutenants as well as they are currently not being paid. Clem Remillard stated that he feels like Wayne Morgan should also be compensated. Russ McMann agreed. Clem Remillard suggested that the board review the policy in the New Year. Neil Nelson motioned to have the gas allowances reallocated between Russ McCallum and Wade Pile. Second by Clem Remillard. MSC.

- Dave LeNeveu stated that BC is considering courtesy lights for volunteer firefighters that are green. These lights would be for when firefighters are responding to calls to let other traffic know.
- Russ McMann stated that they are considering having pictures being sent in of burn piles so that it doesn't require a site visit. Also being considered is fire complete form and/or pictures which will help the fire man track the completed burning permits. Clem Remillard asked for details so that this can be added to the website as part of the burning permit process.

Questions: None

Motions Adopted by E-Mail:

- Motion to pay bills and approve minutes made by Mike de Wit Nov 26, 2019. Second Tony Wright Nov 26, 2019.
- Motion to pay Sarah Zubkowski made by John Gregson Dec 3, 2019. Second by Tony Wright Dec 3, 2019.
- Motion to pay bills made by Tony Wright Dec 11, 2019. Second by Neil Nelson Dec 11, 2019.
- Motion to pay Sarah Zubkowski made by Mike de Wit Dec 16, 2019. Second by John Gregson Dec 16, 2019.
- Motion to pay bills made by Tony Wright Dec 19, 2019. Second by John Gregson Dec 19, 2019. MSC.

Motion to adjourn meeting @ 7:40 pm made by Neil Nelson. Second by Mike de Wit. MSC.

Next meeting January 16 @ 7 pm.