

Mosier Fire District Board Meeting
Mosier Fire Hall on Washington St.

DATE: March 10, 2016
7:00 p.m.

BOARD: Darin Molesworth, Mac Jervey, Joanne Rubin, Joe Sacamano, Phil Evans

Absent: Excused:

STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Bookkeeper Rhonda Starling, Recorder Tracie Hornung (via conference call)

PUBLIC: President of the MFD Volunteers Maggie Goter

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board President Darin Molesworth at 7:04 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – None

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Review/Approve Bills

Board Member Joe Sacamano made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Board Member Mac Jervey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Volunteer Reports

Volunteers President Maggie Goter said there will be a social event/meeting of the Volunteers April 1. Chief Appleton added that Hood River paramedics told him that Mosier Fire District has a great team of Volunteers.

2. Committee Reports

Board member Sacamano said the Budget Advisory Committee had met and approved the recommended salary increase for the Chief. Board member Rubin distributed a list she had compiled of other small fire districts' starting salaries for their fire chiefs. Jervey showed a detailed document he had prepared showing how the Chief's salary and benefits fit with the MFD budget and said he would be taking it to the next BAC meeting.

3. Policy/Procedures Review: Revised draft drug-free policy

Rubin said she had just received the Volunteers' input to the draft and hadn't had time yet to review it.

4. Update on architects for station development pre-design study

Appleton said Terry Moore was moving ahead with MFD and the City of Mosier on the state grant for this study. Moore has come up with a short list of architects he recommends. As the state will be administering the grant and has input on what architect is chosen, Appleton said he anticipates the state will agree that one of those named by Moore will be selected.

5. Discussion and vote on Chief's salary increase

A discussion ensued about the Chief's salary increase and a possible Cost of Living Adjustment to include with it. However, because the salary increase is retroactive and the federal COLA for 2016 was 0%, it was decided after discussion that the COLA would not be included in the motion.

Board Member Rubin made a motion to approve the Budget Advisory Committee's recommendation that the Fire Chief receive a 15% pay raise retroactive to July 1, 2015. Board Member Jervey seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Chief's Monthly Summary

Appleton gave a summary of February's activities. He recommended that Jim Wilson receive public recognition for assisting MFD during a recent structural fire in downtown Mosier. Appleton also described a recent Life Flight incident in Mosier that he said has led him to decide to work on a change in procedure for such events.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2016

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Tracie Hornung, Recorder