

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

DATE: April 13, 2017
6:00 p.m.

BOARD: Joe Sacamano, Barb Ayers, Phil Evans

Absent: Darin Molesworth, Joanne Rubin Excused:

STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Recorder Tracie Hornung, Bookkeeper Rhonda Starling

MOSIER FIRE VOLUNTEERS & ASSOCIATES: Maggie Goter, Charles Young, Todd Reeves,
Kris Mcnall

PUBLIC: John Stein and Roy Palmer of SDAO, and Russell Reeves

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board Member Phil Evans at 6:03 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – The Chief added an agenda item about his medical plan

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – March 9 & March 23, 2017
2. Review/Approve Bills

Board Member Evans made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Board Member Sacamano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. SDAO briefing/discussion on assessment report of MFD

John Stein and Roy Palmer reported on their recent study of the MFD, noting this was not the final report. They added that their role was not to fix the MFD but to point the Board in the right direction to find solutions. They distributed a summary of their findings. Other issues mentioned:

- Based on interviews with MFD staff, volunteers, and associates they found a difference of opinion on the Chief’s performance. Also, the Chief needs more credentialing, as well as someone to step in so he can have more time off. A job description of his position is needed.
- Board policies are needed. Appleton noted some have been completed.
- ISO hasn’t been to Mosier in some time; Appleton said he had just met with an ISO contact and is “getting the ball rolling.”
- MFD finances are OK.
- MFD’s apparatus replacement plan is the “best we’ve ever seen.”
- The fact that no MFD volunteers have fire entry capabilities is a “huge” liability.
- Support services are “outstanding.”
- MFD’s current apparatus is not in good shape and the issue needs to be addressed immediately.
- The MFD website is “great.”

Board Member Evans asked if the consultants can help MFD with making needed improvements. Palmer said yes, and that he could send a document by the April 27 MFD Board meeting to help with that.

2. Volunteer Reports

MFD Volunteers President Maggie Goter said the Volunteers business meeting will be held April 22. They are discussing if the group should remain a nonprofit. She said the Volunteers will support having a strong training program.

3. Committee Reports

Appleton said he had had a conference call with the Station Development Committee today and the cost issue is getting “within reach.” There will be a joint public meeting with the City of Mosier on the building project June 7, and another public meeting on July 19 with the MFD and the committee.

4. Update on budget process

Appleton explained the budget timeline and process. Bookkeeper Starling distributed the draft 2017-18 budget.

5. Review of policy for Chief Appleton’s time and guidelines for public statements concerning issues around the June 3, 2016, oil train incident

Members of the Board discussed this issue and recommended the Chief not express his personal opinions publically. He agreed and said in the future he will run any of his proposed public comments before them.

6. Review of policy on paramedic rapid sequence induction (RSI) and intubation

Appleton noted that new Volunteer Verdi is intubation-certified and that MFD’s medical director disagrees with the Board’s recent decision not to allow him to do it when needed. Appleton said the equipment for it is not as expensive as he originally thought. Discussion was tabled until the next regular Board meeting.

7. Decision on draft USDA Forest Service Cooperative Agreement

The Chief said the draft agreement had been OK’d by the MFD attorney, and that the final version will not change. After discussion,

Board Member Evans made a motion to allow the Chief to sign the document when he receives the final version. Board Member Sacamano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Donation for Main St. Mosier

Bookkeeper Starling, who is president of Main St. Mosier, asked the Board or Volunteers if they would be willing to donate money for a free meal for the MSM picnic and parade this summer. The Board agreed, and Volunteers President Maggie Goter said the issue was already on the Volunteers agenda for their next business meeting.

Board Member Evans made a motion to allow MFD to donate \$300 to Main St. Mosier for a free public meal for the MSM picnic July 8, with the event including signage for recruitment of new Volunteers. Board Member Ayers seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Pay increase for bookkeeper

Bookkeeper Starling said the City of Mosier bookkeeper makes \$30/hr. Starling works about 20 hrs/month. The issue was tabled until the next regular meeting.

10. Election update

Appleton said Todd Reeves and Crag Dorsay are running for Position 2. Incumbent Ayers is running for Position 3, the only candidate for that position. Appleton said he will ask Reeves and Dorsay to write candidate statements to be posted on the MFD website and Mosier Valley News. Evans noted that the issue of whether Volunteers should be allowed to run for MFD Board positions was discussed at the MFD Board meeting of March 12, 2015. It was generally agreed that a final decision about the issue should be made after the May 25 Board training by SDAO.

11. Chief's Monthly Summary

Appleton described a recent call. Last night he attended a meeting of the Wasco Co. Fire Defense Board; he will have something to report regarding this in the future.

12. Chief's medical plan

Appleton noted that his medical policy is up for review by July 1. He suggested that if the Board wants to make changes to it they should do so at the regular May Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2017

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Tracie Hornung, Recorder