

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

DATE: June 12, 2014
7:00 p.m.

BOARD: Ken Hudson, Lee Roy Herman, Vic Hamilton, Glenn Bartholomew
PUBLIC: Richard Frost, MFD Capital Subcommittee Chair Craig Funk, MFD Volunteers Ron
Carroll, Pete Wright, Charles Young
STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Recorder Tracie Hornung
Absent: Excused: Darin Molesworth Public:

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board Secretary Bartholomew at 7:10 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – Added to the Board packet were a list of bills paid and the
Chief’s mileage logs for May.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – May 8, 2014
2. Review/Approve Bills

Board Member Hudson noted a correction needed to be made to the top of page 3 of the minutes.
It was agreed the phrase “of those approved for freeway response” would be added to the end of
this sentence: “Hudson asked if a certain individual who was no longer volunteering had been
removed from the Volunteer list.” Hudson also said that he hadn’t yet received the list as
requested at the May 8 meeting. Chief Appleton apologized, noting he had overlooked it.

**Board Member Hudson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the minutes
amended as noted. Board Member Herman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

BUSINESS

Bartholomew suspended the Board meeting at 7:16 p.m. and opened the Budget Hearing. Budget
Officer Hornung explained that there were no changes to the proposed budget because it had
been approved as presented by the Budget Committee at the May 8 meeting. No comments were
made. The Budget Hearing was adjourned at 7:19 p.m. and the regular Board meeting was
reconvened.

**Board Member Hudson made a motion to approve Budget Resolution #2014-06-01
adopting the budget. Board Member Hamilton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

1. Farmers Market street closures

Appleton said the Farmers Market had recently asked him about closing off a street for the
weekly summer Farmers Markets as has been done in the past. He proposed that he do so as long
as the Board agreed. There was general agreement from the Board.

2. Capital Advisory Subcommittee report

Capital Subcommittee Chair Craig Funk presented the Subcommittee's Preliminary Report on Apparatus and Facilities. He noted that the Subcommittee had been under a time constraint to get the report, and a proposed purchasing plan, done in time for the 2014-15 budget. After the presentation, he suggested the Subcommittee go on hiatus for the summer; there was general agreement from the Board. Funk also said Board members were welcome to contact Subcommittee members for input, which should not run afoul of the state's public meetings law, if they get to a point in which they want to make apparatus purchases.

3. First Executive Session as per ORS 192.660(2)(i)

Tabled.

4. Second Executive Session as per ORS 192.660(2)(i) regarding Fire Chief's evaluation

Before the executive session began, Mosier Fire District Volunteers Pete Wright, Ron Carroll and Charles Young, and Capital Subcommittee Chair Funk spoke in support of renewing Chief Appleton's contract. Carroll, Young and Funk also supported a raise for the Chief.

Board Secretary Bartholomew suspended the Board meeting and opened the Executive Session for the Chief's evaluation. Hudson said he preferred all except Mosier Fire District Board members leave the room; all did so.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 9:05 and the regular Fire District Board meeting was reconvened.

5. Chief's contract renewal

Bartholomew noted there is a clause in the contract that allows both the Chief and the Board to terminate the contract with 30 days notice. He also noted there is no requirement for an annual or biannual review of the contract. Appleton noted the Board had reviewed the original contract during the executive session, noting that the updated version states that the contract is valid for two years, expiring June 30 of this year. Appleton said his recommendation was to renew the contract for one year and to "revisit it well enough in advance so we could look at cost of living and some of the suggestions people had" earlier in the meeting. Hudson asked if there was another version of the contract, adding that when he asked for the contract the one that had been reviewed in the executive session was the one Appleton had given him. Appleton said he believed there was an updated contract in another file which he will look for. He said he believed there was nothing substantially different between the older and newer versions other than the date. Bartholomew said the Board will need to see the most current version.

No action was taken.

6. Station specs

Appleton presented architectural drawings of a proposed new fire station, noting that they were not set in stone but were designed to be a way to generate ideas. He said he was looking for input from the Board on what they thought the plans should consist of.

7. Update on station development at 344 State Rd. site

Appleton showed a possible site plan for the proposed fire station. He said that although Wasco County Planning Department had given him assurances last fall on siting the building where he had suggested, the department now said that the building could not be sited there. He said that previous information was the basis for the work the architect did. The architect and Appleton met again with the planning dept. to find a way to be allowed to build on this site. He said it is unlikely the county will let the Fire District build in the county yard. He presented another siting possibility which would involve a boundary line adjustment with an adjoining property owner. Following a discussion of apparatus bays in the building, Board Member Hamilton suggested Appleton look at a two-story fire station in White Salmon.

8. Chief's Monthly Summary

The Board reviewed the handout of the Chief's Summary, which includes the actions of the volunteers and duties of the Fire Chief for the month of May. Hudson suggested that new volunteers come to a couple of drills before they receive driving instruction to be sure they are committed. Appleton said that with a larger group that would be a good idea but that with these volunteers he was convinced they were reliable and committed.

CORRESPONDENCE – Hornung announced Board training opportunities in July through Special Districts Association of Oregon

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2014

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Tracie Hornung, Recorder