

Mosier Fire District Board Meeting & Public Hearing
Mosier Fire Hall on Washington St.

DATE: June 8, 2017
6:00 p.m.

BOARD: Joe Sacamano, Barb Ayers, Phil Evans, Joanne Rubin

Absent: Darin Molesworth Excused:

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

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

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Phil Evans at 6:11 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – None

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Review/Approve Bills

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

1. 2017-18 Budget

Evans suspended the regular meeting at 6:21 p.m. and Budget Officer Starling convened the Budget Hearing for adoption of the 2017-18 Mosier Fire District budget. Volunteer Charles Young asked about actual expenditures for 2016-17 and said that actuals don't match up with what is budgeted for the next fiscal year. Evans said he had had the same questions at the Budget Committee meeting last month and then he, Chief Appleton, and Starling explained the budgeting process. They noted that it is standard practice to build in a cushion for unexpected expenditures and that unspent funds from the past are carried over from year to year, adding that MFD is not required to spend all that is budgeted and that no expenditures can be made unless they are budgeted. Appleton said some of the higher dollar amounts budgeted are due to anticipated apparatus expenditures. Young said the draft budget doesn't show expenditure priorities. Volunteer Kris Mcnall said she had similar concerns. Ayers she was worried about upcoming station costs. Appleton suggested re-convening the Budget Committee at the beginning of the next fiscal year which begins July 1, 2017, to re-vamp the budgeting process for the 2018-19 budget, and to revisit the 2017-18 budget. The Board agreed by consensus to do so.

The public hearing was closed and the regular meeting re-convened at 6:51. Starling noted that because of a change in the last few days to hire the Training Officer as an employee instead of an independent contract, minor changes need to be made to the proposed budget to move dollar amounts into the appropriate budget categories. The numbers will change very little, she added. It was agreed by consensus that the 2017-18 Budget Resolution will be voted upon at the June 22, 2017, Special Meeting, by which time Starling will have made the changes.

BUSINESS

1. Volunteer Reports

McNall said that the newly hired Training Officer had attended the most recent Volunteers meeting. Five volunteers showed up.

2. Committee Reports

Appleton, reporting for the Apparatus Committee, said the manufacturer of the new mini-pumper had pushed back the delivery date to MFD yet again and without any reason. Delivery will now probably be late July. He expressed his extreme frustration to the company, and as Board members suggested, he will ask for more “bells and whistles” in order to be somewhat compensated for the delay.

3. Update on process for developing Fire Chief’s Performance Review

Tabled.

4. Develop a process and calendar to update/created MFD job descriptions

Tabled, as it was agreed that this agenda item will take place at the Board’s scheduled planning work session tomorrow.

5. Chief’s Monthly Summary

Tabled.

Correspondence: Recorder Hornung noted that Main Street Mosier had sent a thank you letter for the donation MFD made to the organization for their July 8 event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2017

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Tracie Hornung, Recorder