

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

DATE: July 10, 2014
7:00 p.m.

BOARD: Darin Molesworth, Ken Hudson, Lee Roy Herman, Vic Hamilton
STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton, Recorder Tracie Hornung
Absent: Excused: Glenn Bartholomew Public: MFD Volunteer Mark Cherniack

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board President Darin Molesworth at 7:01 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – Added to the Board packet were a list of bills paid.

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – June 12, 2014
2. Review/Approve Bills

Board Member Hudson questioned the bill for the “Human Factors in the Wildland” class. Chief Appleton explained it was for 15 participants and said he would probably not use that vendor again.

Board Member Hamilton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Board Member Hudson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. New business

Appleton said he and President Molesworth had discussed inviting George Dunkel from Special Districts to attend a board meeting to facilitate the meeting and do board training. Dunkel has agreed to come to the August 14 meeting.

2. Update on station development

Regarding siting a new fire station, Appleton explained that there are four possible sites but that the most realistic one is at the county yard on State Rd. However, there are issues that will need to be worked out with the county at that site. After explaining them, he said unless the Board objected he would proceed with that site. There were none. Then he handed out a professionally prepared document showing possible general obligation bond schedules as a way of financing construction of a fire station. He said the document was written as if a bond election was to be held this November but he said he was not sure that was the way to go. He walked the Board through the document. Hudson asked if the bond would be in addition to the existing Mosier Fire District tax; Appleton said yes but added that with the current rate of \$1.65 per \$100,000 and with the maximum allowed at \$2.10, the District was not taxing 45 cents that it could be. He suggested the Board needed to first decide on a final location for the station, then begin work on a budget and determine how to pay for the station. A discussion followed on payment options for a bond. No action was taken.

3. Capital Advisory Subcommittee preliminary report next steps

Appleton noted that the Subcommittee report recommended that action be taken quickly on purchasing a tender.

4. Vehicles available

Appleton provided information and photos about two possibilities for a used water tender for the Fire District. The one he recommended was a military chasis that is federal excess property and available for \$1,000. For approximately \$60,000 it can be converted to a fully compliant water tender. Following a question about ownership from Hudson, Appleton said the District would not own the vehicle but would be allowed to use it for its service life – and the District was allowed to determine the length of service life.

Board Member Hamilton made a motion to acquire the military chasis for \$1,000. Board Member Herman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Appleton asked that by the next Board meeting a decision be made on the “little big gun” mini-structure engine replacement for B-81. Hudson asked for a copy of a document with vehicle and options prices. Appleton said he would provide it. He added he would be happy to form a committee or spend some time assisting the Board in the decision-making process regarding apparatus purchase.

5. OSHA Executive Session

Appleton explained that the reason the OSHA consultation would be reviewed in executive session at the August Board meeting was because OSHA requires the District to sign a confidentiality agreement. He said the executive session was a way of preserving the District’s confidentiality in case an insurance company or potential litigant wanted to sue the District.

6. 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 June. Hudson asked about a \$4,000 repair on B-82. Appleton explained.

CORRESPONDENCE – Hornung said she had received two fire-related newsletters for the District that she would pass on to Board Secretary Bartholomew.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2014

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Tracie Hornung, Recorder