

Mosier Fire District Board Meeting
Mosier Senior Center

DATE: October 12, 2017
6:00 p.m.

BOARD: Joe Sacamano, Phil Evans, Todd Reeves, Barb Ayers

Absent: Joanne Rubin Excused:

STAFF: Interim Fire Chief Mike Renault, Recorder Tracie Hornung, Bookkeeper Rhonda Starling

MOSIER FIRE VOLUNTEERS & ASSOCIATES: Maggie Goter, Kris Mcnall, Charles Young, Tom Oswald, Ron Carroll

PUBLIC: Jim Appleton

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

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – None

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – Jim Appleton submitted three separate memos to the Board that he had written related to the Board’s decision of Sept. 25, 2017, to put him on administrative leave from his position as MFD Fire Chief, which stated why he believed the decision was invalid. No action was taken.

MFD Volunteer Ron Carroll said instead of taking their complaints directly to the Board, the MFD Volunteers who wrote a letter about the Chief should have tried to work out their issues directly with the Chief first. He also noted that Interim Chief Renault arrived on the scene of an emergency call in an MFD command vehicle from his home in Husum, Wash., and having an MFD vehicle out-of-district had been a “hot” issue in the past. Carroll suggested the Board should establish a clear protocol about that. He also described concerns about MFD that he had, based on two recent experiences responding to emergency calls, and said he believed it affected his safety. Interim Chief Renault acknowledged Carroll’s concerns and added that he has the MFD vehicle only when he is the duty officer and covering calls. He explained that those issues Carroll brought up about safety should be alleviated once the new MFD engine is in service. Evans said the issue of the out-of-district location of MFD apparatus had been decided upon by the Board in the last year or two.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes: 9/14/17, 9/25/17, 9/28/17
2. Review/Approve Bills

Regarding the 9/25/17 minutes, a discussion ensued on the documentation of the Executive Session at that meeting; there was no resolution of the matter.

Board Member Ayers made a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows: 9/14/17 approved as written, 9/25/17 tabled, and 9/28/17 amended to reflect changes in Item 3 regarding the FEMA Safer grant. Board Member Sacamano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

1. Volunteer Reports

MFD Volunteers President Goter said the last month had seen an above-average call volume. There is now a Volunteers Facebook page. She thanked everyone who attended the recent Volunteers barbecue. She noted that there are now a new MFD EMT, paramedic and two new Fire Fighter Ones.

2. Committee Reports

None.

3. Update on Board Policy

Board President Evans said the draft policy had been sent to the MFD attorney for review and should be back by the Oct. 26 MFD meeting.

4. Update on Operations Policy

Renault said he had received a demo version of the Lexipol program. He explained how it works and what it would cost, and asked the Board to approved the purchase.

Ayers made a motion to move ahead with acquiring the Lexipol program for the Mosier Fire District, not to exceed \$1,500. Sacamano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Finding someone to take minutes & notice meetings after October

A discussion followed on various possibilities including rotating the tasks among Board members, finding a volunteer, or having the City of Mosier and the MFD share a person for the job. No action was taken.

6. Update on Team Mosier

Evans said a Team Mosier meeting with Union Pacific is scheduled for tomorrow night. He added that the funds from UP could possibly arrive by the first of next year.

7. Discuss Mike's pay increase to represent part-time Chief salary

Evans said he just wanted to check in with Renault and Bookkeeper Starling regarding Renault's time and pay. Renault said he is in Mosier at least two or three nights a week, as well as weekends. He said he was reporting his hours to Bookkeeper Starling but is not documenting his time on every single phone call. He said he is working about 16 hours per week as Interim Chief as well as six hours per week as Training Officer. Evans said he was satisfied that Renault's time and pay were within the approved range. Renault said even though there is not a full-time person on staff right now, all calls to the District have been answered and responded to.

8. Financial Review

Bookkeeper Starling said she had contacted a few CPAs to see if any could conduct a financial review for MFD. She said they are all very busy right now and so far has no commitment from anyone. She would like to get quotes for 2013-17 fiscal years as well

as just the last fiscal year, and hopes to eventually have two to three CPAs to choose from.

9. Interim Chief/Training Officer Monthly Summary

Renault handed out his summary and walked the Board through it. He also requested that the Board send a letter to District residents to let them know there has been a command change and that the District is still covered regarding fire and emergency services. A discussion followed; no formal decision was made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2017

Attest:

Board President Philip Evans

Tracie Hornung, Recorder