

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

DATE: June 9, 2011
7:00 p.m.

BOARD: Glenn Bartholomew, Ken Hudson, James Matthisen, and LeeRoy Herman
STAFF: Fire Chief Jim Appleton
Absent: None

Excused: Darin Molesworth,

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Board member James Matthisen at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – No additions or corrections

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – No audience present.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes May 12, 2011(budget committee & board meeting)
2. Review/Approve Bills

A motion was made by Board Member Hudson to approve the consent agenda which includes a list of bill presented that evening. Board Member Herman seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS

The Oaths of Office for Ken Hudson, James Matthisen, and Glenn Bartholomew will be held over until the next Board meeting which will begin the elected term.

1. Budget Hearing of 2011-2012 Budget

PUNLIC HEARING: Board meeting suspended at 7:28pm and the Budget Hearing was opened. All the actions taken to provide knowledge of the hearing were: the budget was published in the Dalles Chronicle and notices of the budget hearing were posted in two places within the City, and the budget and hearing notice was posted on the web site. There were no members of the public in attendance. Fire Chief Appleton/Budget Officer reviewed with the Board the changes to the budget which were discussed and approved at the budget committee meeting.

The Budget Hearing was closed at 7: 37pm and the District Board meeting was reconvened.

2. Resolution 2011-06-01 Budget adoption

A motion was made by Board member Bartholomew to adopt Resolution 2011-06-1 adopting the budget, making appropriations, and levying taxes and categorizing levy at the rate of \$1.65 per \$1000 of assessed value. Board member Hudson seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of items in letter from Attorney for the District (policies, burn permits, bylaws, and adoption of a District Fire Code)

Matthisen turned this portion of the meeting over to Fire Chief Appleton for explanation. Appleton felt this was an on-going conversation and stated that Fire District Attorney Ken Jones advised against a fire district fire code. Appleton said the district operates under the State Fire Code which is all the authority needed at this time. Appleton reported his attendance at two City Council meetings where he explained to the City that the Fire Chief will not be the enforcer of City code and Council has been asked to remove all reference to the “the Fire Chief shall” within that code. Appleton stated that the City, related to burn permits, would issue burn/fire permits within the City limits themselves. Appleton said he might make

considerations in the future for issuing burn permits in the rural area in order to keep informed about fires and to keep track of enforcement issues and maintain public relations.

4. Apparatus Surplus – E81 & B89

Appleton said the 1970 Ford Pumper is not used and does not do well in our terrain; no need to hang on to that vehicle, there are three other vehicles used when needed. Brush 89 could be surplus along with Brush 83. Appleton spoke to the Board about the needs of the department and what vehicular equipment he felt could/should be considered for purchase in the future.

A motion was made by Board member Bartholomew to surplus the 1970 Pumper E81 and Brush 89 and allow bids for sale of these two vehicles. Board member Herman seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Appleton reminded the Board of their request for a small activity report for each month. Appleton said three members did a driving course which, if we had a place to do it, could be done here. The ODOT yard in Cascade Locks with a driving course set up with cones was an interesting day. There have been a lot of emergency services responses this month. There is work being done on the Turn-out Grant in the form of Requests for Proposals. Medical kits are being put together. Brush and limb clearing is an on-going activity. The Volunteers are doing most of the work needed with regard to the things mentioned.

Appleton spoke about a Grant up to \$20,000 matching costs for certain things we will already spend our money on such as new pagers and training costs. Fuels reduction is using up quite a bit of time for Appleton this time of year.

Matthisen asked Appleton if he has designated business hours. Appleton said he is trying to be available in the office the same hours as the City office hours. 9:00am to at least noon. Appleton would like to establish Sunday as a definite day off. It was suggested to post the contact phone number on the office door.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of July, 2011

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Jean M. Hadley, Recorder