

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

DATE: May 11, 2017
6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Excused:

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

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Susan Gabay, Marc Cherniack, Wade Root, Mike McKeag, Maggie
Goter

PUBLIC:

CALL TO ORDER – Meeting was called to order by Board President Darin Molesworth at 6:05
p.m.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS – The Chief added an agenda item about a media interview

BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE – None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – April 13 & April 27, 2017
2. Review/Approve Bills

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

➤ **Budget Committee review of 2017-2018 proposed Budget**

Molesworth suspended the regular meeting at 6:07 p.m. and called the Budget Committee Meeting to order. He asked for nominations for budget chair and secretary. It was agreed by consensus that Maggie Goter would be chair and Mark Cherniack secretary.

Goter read aloud Chief's Appleton's Budget Message. Then Budget Officer Starling led the discussion on the budget. A long discussion followed on proposed training costs and support staff raises.

Goter suspended the Budget Committee Meeting at 7:37 p.m. and immediately opened the:

➤ **Public Hearing for tax rate acceptance**

No comments were made and the hearing was closed at 7:38 p.m.

Goter reconvened the Budget Meeting and asked if there were any comments from the committee. Hearing none:

A motion was made by Budget Committee Member Gabay to approve the budget as presented with an amendment to include the Union Pacific funds pro-rated out over lines 30-33 on budget form LB-30 and that the tax rate levy of \$1.65 per thousand be retained. Budget Committee Member Rubin seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

The public meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. and Molesworth reconvened the regular Fire District Board meeting at 7:41 p.m.

There will be a Budget Hearing at the next Board meeting of June 8, 2017, and the public notice for the hearing will be published in The Dalles Chronicle.

BUSINESS

1. Volunteer Reports

MFD Volunteers President Maggie Goter said the Volunteers are happy that the Board is looking into training opportunities.

2. Committee Reports

Appleton said he would be picking up and driving back the mini-pumper in mid June. He added that the vendor had agreed to pay his travel costs and change out tires in return for the late completion of the vehicle. A discussion followed on the Chief's being gone for three days during fire season while driving the truck across the country. He said he would call the company and see if it would ship the mini-pumper to Mosier on a flatbed. Also, he reminded the Board that joint meetings with the City of Mosier regarding the proposed fire station/city hall building is scheduled for June and August.

3. Proposal for support staff pay increase

After discussion:

Board Member Rubin made a motion to approve the salary increases as written in the proposed 2017-18 budget, effective July 1. Board Member Sacamano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Review of Chief's medical policy

The Chief presented information on options for changing his medical policy, as questions had arisen regarding costs at a previous Board meeting. After discussion it was decided by consensus that the available options provided such minor savings there was no point in changing his entire policy.

5. Review of policy on paramedic intubation

Appleton noted again that new Volunteer Ryan Verdi is intubation-certified and that MFD's medical director disagrees with the Board's recent decision not to allow him to do it when needed. Appleton said the equipment for it is not as expensive as he originally thought. Following discussion:

Board Member Evans made a motion to accept that the procedure be allowed by appropriately trained Volunteers of the Mosier Fire District. Board Member Sacamano seconded. The motion passed four to one, with Evans, Sacamano, Molesworth and Ayers voting yea, and Rubin voting nay.

6. Review of MFD training proposals/progress report from MFD Training Committee

Board Member Ayers passed out reports she had written regarding her and Volunteer Kris Mcnall's research into finding a training officer for MFD. A long discussion followed on chain

of command as it applies to the proposed position. The Chief proposed that the issue be referred to SDAO consultant George Dunkel and the MFD attorney.

Board Member Evans made a motion to contract with Mike Renault as MFD Training Officer. Renault to be added as MFD's main DPSST contact for all training efforts, in addition to Chief Appleton. Allocate \$3,500 immediately to this training effort in FY 2016, effective before June and before the new budget cycle in July. Start Mike working on the DPSST recertification up for renewal June 24 and add a contract for Target Solutions training software. Allocate \$12,000 in the 2017-18 (new budget FY 17-18, effective July 1) to the MFD Training Program, a budget line to be managed by Mike. All of the above pending approval by the MFD lawyer and following consultation with George Dunkel of SDAO. Board Member Sacamano seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Policy Committee requested discussion of timeline for Chief's review as per SDAO recommendations

Susan Gabay, a member of the Policy Committee, pointed out that the review should be done yearly but did not occur last year. Evans noted that SDAO said it could be done at the end of this year. Gabay recommended that work on it begin now because it is a lengthy process to set up. It was agreed by consensus that she, Mark Cherniack and Board Member Joanne Rubin be on the committee to evaluate the chief.

8. Public outreach regarding MFD assessment, needs and goals

Ayers distributed to the Board her proposed plan for public outreach. After discussion:

Ayers made a motion to work on the plan between now and September 2017. Board Member Rubin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. MFD personnel SDAO training May 25

It was noted that the SDAO consultant is no longer available on May 25. It was agreed by consensus that Ayers, Mcnall and Charles Young will look into finding another date as well as a venue.

10. Chief's media interview

Appleton noted that he gave an interview to a journalist who is writing about last year's train derailment in Mosier. Because the Board recently decided Appleton should clear his public comments before they are published, Appleton said the journalist agreed to let the Board read the article before it is published.

11. Chief's Monthly Summary

The Chief distributed the summary for the month of April.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2017

Attest:

Board President Darin Molesworth

Tracie Hornung, Recorder