

## GRAND VALLEY AND DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

May 16, 2016

The Grand Valley and District Fire Board met Monday, May 16, 2016 at the Grand Valley Fire Hall at 7:15 p.m. for a regular meeting. Board members Don MacIver, Philip Rentsch, Tom Nevills, Jane Aultman and John Ince were present, with Chair John Stirk presiding. Also in attendance were Secretary-Treasurer Susan Stone, Chief Kevin McNeilly, Deputy Chief Mike Agar and Deputy Chief Dave Stevenson also in attendance.

1. Meeting called to Order.
2. Late Submissions.
  - 2.1 Grand Valley Fire Board Appreciation Night - Discussion
  - 2.2 Fire hall Snow Clearing Contract  
Motion passed.
3. Agenda.
  - 3.1 Motion passed to accept agenda as amended.
4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest with Reasons
  - 4.1 None disclosed at this time. Can be declared at any time during the meeting.
5. Adoption of Minutes - April 7, 2016.
  - 5.1 Business arising from the Minutes - none  
Motion to adopt minutes as circulated.
6. Unfinished Business.
  - 6.1 Training Facility - Update  
Chief McNeilly reported that there is still work ongoing inside the facility, but it is usable as is. Other area departments have been visiting the site. He would like additional work completed prior to a press release. Rainbow Ridge may be doing another fund raiser for them.
  - 6.2 Firefighter Benefits  
Representative from McKee Employee Benefit Administration (MEBA), on behalf of Provident Benefits, will attend an upcoming meeting. Tentative dates provided. Secretary Treasurer to follow up.
  - 6.3 Other  
Nothing at this time.
7. Financials.
  - 7.1 Bills and Accounts  
Motion passed approving accounts.
  - 7.2 2016 Reserve Summary  
Reserve Summary provided. Chief McNeilly questioned 2013 amount of \$17,000. with respect to Firefighting Equipment, which was not included in the Reserve Summary. Secretary Treasurer to follow up and advise.
  - 7.3 2015/2016 MVA Revenue Summary  
Report received. Discussion regarding new process for obtaining police reports for MVA's through MTO as opposed to the OPP. Staff currently filing applications with MTO, which has been a long process, and still waiting for response from them. Discussion regarding relationship between OPP Officers and Fire Fighters at MVA's, fire and emergency situations was discussed at Amaranth Police Services Board.
  - 7.4 Other  
Nothing at this time.
8. Grand Valley Fire Fighters Association Report
  - 8.1 Gord Driscoll in attendance and advised the Board that they will be making an appearance at the Grand Valley Duck Races on May 28, 2016. Amaranth's Canada Day celebrations occurring again this year, but Grand Valley Fire Department has not yet been approached.

9. New Business

9.1 Fire Calls Summary Report

Discussion ensued regarding Grand Valley situation. Chief McNeilly indicated they are still dealing with the owners and investigating alternatives for fire prevention. He also indicated that the storage of fireworks which are being stored in unsuitable locations and inadequate storage containers, and the municipalities should be considering bylaws accordingly. Matter referred to staff for follow up.

9.2 Other

Nothing at this time.

10. Added Items ~ per Late Submissions resolution

10.1 Grand Valley Fire Board Appreciation Night - Discussion

Tentative dates of November 18 (preferred) and November 25. Discussion regarding Association continuing the activities after the Fire Board concludes theirs. They would require their own Smart Serve bartender and liquor license. Still under discussion. Secretary Treasurer to check availability of the Grand Valley Community Centre.

10.2 Fire Hall Snow Clearing Contract

Board indicated that we should be sending out RFP for this year's snow removal, and should also get quote from existing contractor.

11. Fire Chief's Report

11.1 Antenna installation on the Grand Valley water tower is underway.

11.2 OAFCA Annual Conference held last week, which the Chief attended. He noted that fire trucks are escalating in price, and could be as much as \$500,000. He was able to purchase some items on capital list, and highly recommends that the Board members should attend this conference. Northern 911 was also there and he spoke to them regarding dispatch, though he would rather wait before changing dispatch services. There was apparently a conference call arranged by Mulmur with Northern 911 about which Chief McNeilly was not aware. It was noted that an Orangeville council member is pushing for a County fire department because it would then be costed based on the County levy, of which Orangeville only pays approximately 42%, whereas they currently pay 100% of the cost of the Orangeville Fire Department. However, it was also noted that in the case of a County Fire Department, they would be paying 42% of the entire County cost.

12. Closed Meeting

Nothing at this time.

13. Confirming Resolution and Adjournment

Motions passes. Next meeting to be either June 16, 20, 23, or 27 depending on the availability of the benefit provider.

The following resolutions were passed:

**MOVED BY J. INCE, SECONDED BY T. NEVILLS**

**THAT** the following items be added to the agenda:

1. Grand Valley and District Fire Board Appreciation Night - Discussion
2. Fire hall Snow Clearing contract

**CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY T. NEVILLS, SECONDED BY J. INCE**

**THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY D. MACIVER, SECONDED BY J. AULTMAN**

**THAT** minutes of the April 7, 2016 regular meeting of the Grand Valley and District Fire Board be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED.**

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**MOVED BY P. RENTSCH, SECONDED BY J. INCE**

**THAT** the Bills and Accounts from March 31, 2016 through May 13, 2016 in the amount of \$29,654.69 be approved for payment. **CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY J. AULTMAN, SECONDED BY D. MACIVER**

**THAT** all actions of the Board Members and Officers of the Grand Valley & District Fire Board, with respect to every matter addressed and/or adopted by the Board at the May 16, 2016 meeting are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed;

**AND THAT** each motion, resolution and other actions taken by the Board Members and/or Officers at the meeting held on May 16, 2016 are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. **CARRIED.**

**MOVED BY T. NEVILLS, SECONDED BY P. RENTSCH**

**THAT** the Board adjourn to meet again at the call of the Chairperson.

**CARRIED.**

  
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CHAIR

  
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SECRETARY