

GRAND VALLEY AND DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

October 17, 2016

The Grand Valley and District Fire Board met Monday, October 17, 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, Sarah Culshaw, future Secretary-Treasurer, Chief Kevin McNeilly, Deputy Chief Mike Agar and Deputy Chief Dave Stevenson.

1. Meeting called to Order.
2. Late Submissions.
 - 2.1 None at this time.
3. Agenda.
 - 3.1 Motion passed to accept agenda as circulated.
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 - September 19, 2016.
 - 5.1 Motion to adopt minutes as circulated.
 - 5.2 Business arising from the Minutes - none.
6. Unfinished Business.
 - 6.1 Snow Clearing Contract
Tender received from Evrlast Landscapes, in the amount of \$8,800.00, for a three season contract, commencing winter of 2016/2017, with call out hourly rate of \$125.00. Resolution passed.
 - 6.2 Appreciation Night - November 18, 2016
Discussion ensued. Arena has been booked, and invitations being sent. Staff will produce programme and certificates with input from Fire Chief and Deputy Chief Stevenson.
 - 6.3 Firefighter Benefits (to be deferred pending further information/quote)
Secretary Treasurer indicated that Johnson Financial Group Inc. have now clarified that they are not able to offer benefit coverage due to hours of employment being insufficient for their programme and their requirement that all employees be included. To follow up regarding Manulife criteria, and summarize two options for next meeting.
 - 6.4 Other - nothing at this time.
7. Financials.
 - 7.1 Bills and Accounts - September 15/16 to October 14/16
Resolution passed approving accounts.
 - 7.2 Bank Account Information
Received. Transfers pending to Equipment and Building Reserves.
 - 7.3 2016 Budget Summary as at October 14/16 and Capital Reserve Account Summary
Received.
 - 7.4 Fire Call Invoices/Recovery Summary
Outstanding calls to be followed up.
8. Grand Valley Fire Fighters Association Report - Nothing at this time.
9. New Business.
 - 9.1 Other
 - 9.1.1 Secretary Treasurer, Susan Stone, indicated that Sarah Culshaw, in attendance, will be new Secretary Treasurer in the new year, with Susan Stone as Alternate.
 - 9.1.2 Mayor MacIver indicated that the OPP Detachment Commander will be Acting Commander until Orangeville makes decision regarding OPP vs. OPS. Also noted that all OPP vehicles now GPS'd.

10. Added Items - per Late Submission Resolution (if any) - Nothing at this time.

11. Closed Meeting - If required. - Nothing at this time.

12. Fire Chief's Report.

12.1 Radio System Upgrade

Chief McNeilly reported on recent meeting with Fire Chiefs, Mayors and Chairs of Fire Boards. Currently waiting for repeaters, which come from Italy. Understood that County Emergency Management were going to fund, but now have been advised that they need to apply for County funding, and County will only fund 50%. Letter has been drafted signed by the Chairs of the Fire Boards, and to be presented by Chief Morden and Chief McNeilly to County Council, requesting full funding. Copy to be sent to municipalities for endorsement. Cost questioned. Chief McNeilly indicated total cost of \$106,000., being \$74,000 for microwaves, and \$32,000 for simulcast, needed by the eight municipalities in Dufferin for adequate communications. Resolution passed.

12.2 Training Facility Update

Facility being completed, and being utilized.

12.3 Other

12.3.1 Northern 911 group meeting held recently wherein minor issues discussed, but overall very little dialogue.

12.3.2 Meeting with Dufferin EMS. Need to sign agreement.

13. Confirming Resolution and Adjournment

Motion passed. Next meeting to be November 28, 2016 at 7:15 p.m.

The following resolutions were passed:

MOVED BY D. MACIVER, SECONDED BY J. AULTMAN

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY T. NEVILLS, SECONDED BY J. INCE

THAT minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting of the Grand Valley and District Fire Board be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY D. MACIVER, SECONDED BY J. AULTMAN

THAT snow removal tender for snow removal at the Fire Hall be awarded to Evrlast Landscapes in the amount of \$8,800.00 for three (3) seasons, commencing in winter of 2016/2017, call out hourly rate of \$125.00.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY T. NEVILLS, SECONDED BY J. INCE

THAT the Bills and Accounts from September 15, 2016 through October 14, 2016 in the amount of \$26,229.97 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY D. MACIVER, SECONDED BY P. RENTSCH

THAT the Grand Valley and District Fire Board supports the initiative by the Fire Chiefs serving Dufferin County and the municipalities served by those fire departments to improve the emergency communications network with micro wave and simulcast devices;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Townships of Amaranth and East Garafraxa, and the Town of Grand Valley for endorsement;

AND THAT full funding be requested from the County of Dufferin.

CARRIED.

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MOVED BY J. INCE, SECONDED BY T. NEVILLS

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 October 17, 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 October 17, 2016 are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. **CARRIED.**

MOVED BY T. NEVILLS, SECONDED BY J. INCE

THAT the Board adjourn to meet again November 28, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. or at the call of the Chairperson.

CARRIED.



CHAIR



SECRETARY