

GRAND VALLEY AND DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

November 28, 2016

The Grand Valley and District Fire Board met Monday, November 28, 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, and Association President Gord Driscoll.

1. Meeting called to Order.
2. Late Submissions.
 - 2.1 2017 Budget
 - 2.2 Santa Claus Parade
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 – October 17, 2016.
 - 5.1 Motion to adopt minutes as circulated.
 - 5.2 Business arising from the Minutes - none.
6. Unfinished Business.
 - 6.1 Appreciation Night – November 18, 2016 - Summary
Discussion ensued regarding the programme for the next Appreciation Night as 2017 is also Canada's 150th Anniversary. It was suggested that the Board and Firefighters could be piped into the room. Cadets to be contacted.
 - 6.2 Firefighter Benefits – Summary of Options
Memorandum received outlining the options available for consideration, being McKee Employee Benefit Administration (MEBA) spending account model and Manulife traditional benefit plan. Johnson Financial Group had withdrawn once they understood there were not a minimum of 24 hours service per member per week. The Board concluded that the McKee model would be the only one under consideration at this time, and discussion ensued regarding criteria for joining, amount of spending limit, and benefit for those firefighters who would not be joining. Chair John Stirk, Secretary Treasurer and Chief to meet regarding parameters and eligibility and report back to the Board.
 - 6.3 Other
Nothing at this time.
7. Financials.
 - 7.1 Bills and Accounts – October 17/16 to November 22/16
Resolution passed approving accounts.
 - 7.2 Bank Account Information
Received. Transfers pending to Equipment and Building Reserves.
 - 7.3 2016 Budget Summary as at November 23/16 and Capital Reserve Account Summary
Received.
 - 7.4 Fire Call Invoices/Recovery Summary
Received. Staff to follow up on outstanding account.
8. Grand Valley Fire Fighters Association Report
Association President Gord Driscoll reported that the Santa Claus Parade went well, and thanked the Board for Appreciation Night. Boxes for food donations discussed and Sarah, who is on the Santa Claus Parade Committee, will follow up.
9. New Business.
 - 9.1 Tiered Response Documents
Motion passed to authorize Chief to sign.
 - 9.2 Call History Report by Date
Received
 - 9.3 Other – Draft budget for 2017 by mid January.

10. Added Items - per Late Submission Resolution (if any)
Dealt with under Item 8 and Item 9.

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

12. Fire Chief's Report.

12.1 Radio System Upgrade

Chief McNeilly reported that they are waiting for the installation. They had prepared a report for the County Co-Ordinator but still needs to go to Orangeville. Chief to follow up with the County as the County budget is now passed.

12.2 Training Facility Update

Facility being completed, and being utilized. Nothing new to report.

12.3 Other

12.3.1 Call out on Remembrance Day discussed.

12.3.2 Furnace, water heater and softener all failed.

13. Confirming Resolution and Adjournment

Motion passed. Next meeting to be January 23, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.

The following resolutions were passed:

MOVED BY J. INCE, SECONDED BY T. NEVILLS

THAT the following items be added to the agenda:
Budget and Santa Claus Parade.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY D. MACIVER, SECONDED BY J. AULTMAN

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY J. AULTMAN, SECONDED BY D. MACIVER

THAT minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting of the Grand Valley and District Fire Board be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY T. NEVILLS, SECONDED BY J. INCE

THAT the Bills and Accounts from October 17, 2016 through November 22, 2016 in the amount of \$22,135.02 be approved for payment.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY J. AULTMAN, SECONDED BY D. MACIVER

THAT the Board authorizes Chief McNeilly to sign the Letter of Agreement for the Activation of Tiered Response for the Dufferin County Paramedic Service.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY J. INCE, SECONDED BY P. RENTSCH

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 November 28, 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 November 28, 2016 are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY T. NEVILLS, SECONDED BY J. INCE

THAT the Board adjourn to meet again January 23, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. or at the call of the Chairperson.

CARRIED.


CHAIR


SECRETARY