

## MECOSTA AUSTIN FIRE BOARD MEETING

January 18, 2017

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.
- II. Pledge to the Flag.
- III. Roll Call: John Boyd, Michele Graham, Elizabeth G Carr, Mary Quinlan, John Brockway, and Greg Babbitt.
- IV. Agenda: Moved by Michele Graham, supported by John Brockway to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- V. Minutes: Moved by John Brockway, supported by Michele Graham to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- VI. Treasurer's Report: The Clerical wages were not turned in for payment in December. Susan Sikkema's wages will be pro-rated to the date of her resignation. The Fire Department has \$7,847.97 in their bank account and the First Responder's have \$6,687.13 in their bank account. Invoices and payroll for the Fire Department came to a total of \$29,563.53. Invoices for the First Responders came to a total of \$3,889.67. The Finance Report was accepted as given.
- VII. Moved by Greg Babbitt, supported by John Brockway to pay the bills for the Fire Department of \$29,563.53 and for the First Responders of \$3,889.67 for a total of \$33,453.20.  
Mary Quinlan-yes  
Michele Graham-yes  
Elizabeth G Carr-yes  
Gregg Babbitt-yes  
John Brockway-yes  
John Boyd-yes
- VIII. Public Comment: Ken Lind-The renewal of your insurance is in March. The State raised the per truck fee and the new truck has been added, but other than that everything else is the same. Please contact our licensed attorney, Heidi Hudson, with any questions you have. Please call her first before fulfilling any FOIA requests. There is no fee or penalty for consulting with her.
- IX. Old Business:
  1. Sale of 3-11: We have received 3 calls. None of them seemed to be ready to make a serious offer. We need to renew our subscription.
- X. New Business:
  1. Fire Chief's Report: We have not purchased the lights and radio battery yet until we see how the end of year budget will come out. We need two sets of turn-out gear at a cost of \$1,300.00. The Dragon Trail is progressing at a faster rate than we were expecting. They are planning on one event per month that we, the Fire and Rescue community, will need to have a presence at. With that in mind, all of the involved departments are trying to come up with a Billing Policy per event. Our consensus is \$750.00 per event, unless a high angle rescue is required. The cost will be higher for those incidents. The training will be here. The cost per person is \$550.00 at approximately

\$6,600.00 for the department. This training will also be helpful if there are any emergencies involving silos, roofs, and high rise buildings. The needed equipment, (ropes, carabiners, etc.) will cost approximately \$12,282.22. The ATV and required patient carts should be covered by the Mountain Bike Association or associated organizations. We will be getting a skid of water from Ice Mountain in March. We have three Firefighters in Company Officer 1&2. The cost is being covered by outside funds.

2. Safety and Training Report: There are no injuries. We have completed hose advancement training and pump training. We used a car fire in our hose advancement training. Joe Stratton and Jeff Cole have completed the classroom portion of firefighter driver's education. We are working on road training with them now.
3. Maintenance Report: There was required maintenance required on the DNR truck. The DNR trucks are not supported by the DNR anymore. All repairs now are our cost and responsibility. We put our name in the DNR tuck pool to get an updated truck.
4. Rescue Report: There were 34 runs since November 16<sup>th</sup>. The run reimbursement check will be \$781.88. The first allocation check from EMS will be \$3,500.00.
5. Joint Township Meeting Topics: SCBA tanks, Trucks- names, mileage, & age, Washer/Dryer, Turn-Out Gear, and the Dragon Trail equipment and training.

XI. Adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Elizabeth G Carr

Mecosta Austin Fire Board Secretary