

MECOSTA AUSTIN FIRE BOARD MEETING

March 29, 2017

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. Pledge to the Flag.
- III. Roll Call: John Boyd, Michele Graham, Elizabeth G Carr, Mary Quinlan, and John Brockway. Gregg Babbitt was absent.
- IV. Additions to the Agenda: Moved by Michele Graham, supported by Mary Quinlan to accept the agenda with the addition of #6. Wage Review and #7. Billing to New Business. Motion carried.
- V. Minutes: Moved by Mary Quinlan, supported by John Brockway to accept the minutes with corrections to the Mecosta Austin Special Board Meeting on February 9, 2017: “ Budget Amendment: Moved by John Boyd, supported by Michele Graham to make a motion to amend the Budget to include and to move funds out of 208 000 097 Donations-\$5,500.00, 208 000 699 Transfer In-\$12,297.84, 208 000 671 Interest \$51.31, 208 000 670 Reimbursement \$2,018.92 for a total of \$19,868.07 and then moved to 208 000 989 Contingency.” Motion carried.
- VI. Treasurer’s Report: There were bills of \$3 766.63 for the Fire Department. There is \$12, 427.12 in the First Responder bank account. The new amended Fire Budget is \$94,957.89. Accepted as presented subject to audit.
- VII. Bills: Moved by Michele Graham, supported by John Brockway to pay the bills of \$3,766.63.
John Brockway-yes Elizabeth G Carr-yes
Mary Quinlan-yes Michele Graham-yes
John Brockway-yes
- VIII. New Business:
 1. Fire Chief’s Report: Fire calls are up. We will need three new sets of turn-out gear. The old model is discontinued and the new turnout gear has gone up. With shipping the total cost will be \$5,478.24. The TRT (High Angle Rescue) S.O.G. will be completed for the May 2017 Fire Board Meeting. Three firefighters have completed Company Officer 1 & 2. The Gear Washer have been ordered to arrive after April 1, 2017 and the dryers will be ordered after April 1 2017. We need to order new overhead drop cords. Ours are not OSHA compliant. The new Overhead Vehicle 110v Drop Cords will be \$750.00, which includes installation by DAJ Electric. We have a new firefighter, Jeff Harvell. He is already MFR and FF trained. Three new sets of Fire Boots at \$400.00 each plus shipping for a total of \$1,245.00 will be ordered after April 1st.
 2. Safety and Training Report: The SLICERS training (Fire Management Training) is complete. MFR Training CEC’s is completed for 2017.
 3. Maintenance Report: Grass Rig 2 is out of service for repairs. We have repaired the broken fan belts on Grass Rig 1.
 4. Rescue Report: There were 61 runs year-to-date. Run re-imburement will be \$1,036.78 for January/February. The Bi-annual disbursement for July 2017 will be \$2,776.67. It is normally\$3,500.00. The difference is due to an error with the last bi-monthly run re-imburement in November/December 2016. Too much money was disbursed with the last payment. It is possible that the MFR/EMT-B rescue units will

be allowed to check blood glucose levels and administer Epinephrine for allergic reactions in the future. MCA has concerns about what/how to do a training session for proper administration of Epinephrine. We will update as we have information.

5. Turn-Out Gear: Moved by Mary Quinlan, supported by John Brockway to purchase three sets of Turnout Gear and three Boots at a cost of \$6,858.24.
John Brockway-yes Elizabeth G Carr-yes
Mary Quinlan-yes Michele Graham-yes
John Boyd-yes
6. Drop Cords: Moved by John Boyd, supported by John Brockway for Ron to spend \$700.00 in Hall Expense to replace the drop cords.
John Brockway-yes Elizabeth G Carr-yes
Mary Quinlan-yes Michele Graham-yes
John Boyd-yes
7. Salaries: moved by John Brockway, supported by Michele Graham to increase the Fire Officer salaries to: Fire Chief-\$3,500.00, Asst Fire Chief-\$2,000.00, Captains-\$800.00.
John Brockway-yes Elizabeth G Carr-yes
Mary Quinlan-yes Michele Graham-yes
John Boyd-yes
8. 2017-2018 FY Budget: Moved by John Boyd, supported by Michele Graham to set the 2017-2018 FY Budget at \$82,660.00 for the Fire Department and \$26,725.00 for the First Responders. Motion carried.
9. Budget Amendment: Moved by Mary Quinlan, supported by John Boyd to amend the 2016-2017 Budget to add the \$15,000.00 from 208-000-680 Sale of Equipment to the total budget.
10. Dragon Trail Billing: The specific language will be brought to the May Fire Board Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Elizabeth G Carr

Mecosta Austin Fire Board Secretary