

MECOSTA AUSTIN FIRE BOARD MEETING

November 15, 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, and John Brockway (arrived at 7:10 p.m.). Greg Babbitt was absent.
- IV. Agenda: Moved by Michele Graham, supported by John Brockway to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- V. Minutes: Moved by Mary Quinlan, supported by Michele Graham to accept the September 20, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.
- VI. Treasurer's Report: Moved by Michele Graham, supported by John Boyd to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Fire Department has \$54,871.88 in their account and the First Responders have \$11,458.25 in their account, for a total of \$66,330.13. Motion accepted.
- VII. Payment of the Bills: Moved by Michele Graham, supported by John Boyd to pay the bills of \$5,375.02 for the Fire Department and \$2,065.40 for the First Responders.
John Brockway-yes Elizabeth G Carr-yes
Mary Quinlan-yes Michele Graham-yes
John Boyd-yes
- VIII. New Business:
 1. Hiring Procedure: Those who express an interest in joining the Fire Department will be given a packet of information. After reviewing the packet, if they are still interested, they are to return the packet at the next meeting. At that time, they will fill out the paperwork to apply to join the Department. They will need to attend the next two meetings. By the third meeting their background check will be done. If everything has been completed and they pass the background check, they will start training. The Fire Department is now using direct deposit for their paychecks.
 2. Fire Chief's Report: The pitless adapter was leaking on the well and it needed a new pressure gage. Bouman's Well Service for rig time and parts is \$530.00. There will be an additional \$1,100.00 for the replacement and installation of an air tank. The turn-out gear that was ordered will be shipped on December 1st. The Fit Tests are completed except for Goodfellow. Half of the air bottles have been hydro tested. We should receive the test results on the other half today. The test cost was \$26.00/bottle. Three new Firefighters are signed up for FF1 & 2: Jeff Cole, Tim Brennan, and Smith Cook. Hose testing is complete on the 1.5", 1.75", 2.5", and 3" hoses.
 3. Training: Pump training, Extrication tool training, and High Angle rescue training has been completed.
 4. Maintenance: Engine 1 & 2 pump testing is completed and passed. The oil has been changed in the pumps in both Engines 1 & 2. Grass Rig 1 was converted to 12 volts per MDNR.
 5. MFR Report: The number of runs has slowed down. There were 27 runs since September. We have one person in MFR class. They should be finished soon.
- IX. Public Comment: The next Fire Board Meeting is January 17, 2018 and the next Joint Township Meeting is January 18, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Elizabeth G Carr

Mecosta Austin Fire Board Secretary