

Enniskillen/Oil Springs Joint Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 24, 2015
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Oil Springs Fire Hall
4589 Oil Springs Line, Oil Springs, ON

Committee Members Present: Al Charlton, Deputy Fire Chief
Mike Cumming, Fire Chief
Mary Lynne McCallum, Enniskillen Council Rep
Kathy O'Hara-Wilson, Chair/Enniskillen Council Rep
Rick Powell, Oil Springs Council Rep
Larry Wagner, Oil Springs Council Rep

Council Members Present: Mayor Ian Veen

Staff Members Present: Jennifer Turk, Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Mary Lynne McCallum opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest

No declaration was made by any one member of Council at this time. The Chair requested that committee members make the appropriate declaration if necessary throughout the business of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion #1 - Powell/Wagner: *That the previous minutes of July 13, 2015 be approved as submitted.* *Carried.*

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Addition to Fire hall Building

Project is tabled indefinitely by both Councils due to lack of funds by both municipalities.

Mutual Aid & Automatic Aid

Discussions took place at length regarding the implementation of a Mutual Aid and Automatic Aid agreements with Township of Dawn-Euphemia and Township of St. Clair.

Councillor/Chair Mary Lynne McCallum presented the commission with a sample copy of an agreement for the commission to review.

After a lengthy discussion, the commission decided not to pursue with any agreement as CACC uses a map at their location to determine which fire department to call out.

Fire Prevention Officer Training

Fire Chief Mike Cumming updated the commission, regarding one of the firefighters, John Berdan, who took a course for fire prevention. Certificate was received and on file. There are a couple more courses that Mr. Berdan will need to take to complete, to be certified as a Fire Prevention Officer. The training is relatively expensive including the books needed, as well as lodging and mileage. Next course is offered in March 2016. Fire Chief Cumming informed the commission that the training budget for 2015 will be over by the end of December.

Lambton County Fire Radios

Mayor Veen indicated to the commission that the decisions from each municipality for per station financing would be discussed at the next County Council meeting to take place, Wednesday, November 25, 2015. Mayor Veen will not be there for the discussion as he has prior commitments.

Discussion of sending an alternate took place. Deputy Fire Chief Al Charlton volunteered to attend the meeting following Council.

Open House

Fire Chief Cumming gave the commission an update pertaining to the Open House that took place in October. Approximately 15-20 people came to the event. Councillor O'Hara-Wilson thanked the Firemen Association for putting on the event and for all the hard work that goes into organizing such an event.

Fire Chief Cumming also updated the commission on the door-to-door that took place in Oil City handing out batteries and literature on smoke detectors.

Fees for Service

Discussions took place regarding a by-law currently adopted for fees for service from the fire department. At this time, Fire Chief Cumming was unaware of a by-law. The chair asked Fire Chief Cumming to investigate into this matter further.

Fire Chief Report

Calls for Service

Fire Chief Cumming reported that there were 38 calls to date, however no breakdown was available. Three (3) calls were for Dawn-Euphemia, and a lot for Petrolia.

Expenditures to Date – 2015 Budget

An update of the books was provided to the commission by Fire Chief Cumming, however not all entries had been transposed to all the general ledger accounts in order to get a precise account of the expenditures to date.

2016 Budget

Discussions for the 2016 budget were tabled until the books were up to date.

Firefighter Staff

Currently there are 23 firefighters. No one new since report at the last meeting in July.

Fire Hall Maintenance

Fire Chief Cumming reported that the roof is still leaking at the fire hall. Was waiting to hear from one contractor but the contractor hasn't gotten back to them. May have to contact someone else to repair the leak.

Fire Chief Cumming also updated the commission that a cleaning lady had been hired to clean the fire hall when needed. Expense comes out of Administration. Individual hired is Mrs. Teresa Clark.

The Fire Chief mentioned that the fire hall office is too small. They are currently looking at ways to make room for the individuals that use the office. There is a need to purchase a new desk, as reported at the last meeting in July, however desk not ordered to date. The fire department is looking for ways to store fire prevention material as it takes up a lot of room in the office.

New Business

Post Traumatic Counseling

Discussions took place regarding the possible need for post traumatic counselling with the firefighters the responds to calls as needed. The Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief explained to the commission that if there is a need, there is someone that is available for the firefighters.

Adjournment

At 7:50 p.m., the Joint Fire Commission meeting was adjourned.

Motion #2 - Charlton/Powell: *That the Joint Fire Commission meeting be adjourned.*

Carried.

No date was set for the next Joint Fire Commission meeting.

Chair

Clerk