

GRAND VALLEY AND DISTRICT FIRE BOARD

March 22, 2016

The Grand Valley and District Fire Board met Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at the Grand Valley Fire Hall at 7:15 p.m. for a regular meeting. Board members Don MacIver, Philip Rentsch, Tom Nevills, and John Ince were present, with Chair John Stirk presiding. Also in attendance were Secretary-Treasurer Susan Stone, and Chief Kevin McNeilly. Deputy Chief Mike Agar and Deputy Chief Dave Stevenson, and Firefighters Gord Driscoll and Ryan Benham also in attendance. Member Jane Aultman was absent with notice.

1. Meeting called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair.

2. Late Submissions

2.1 None at this time.

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as circulated.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest with Reasons

Can be declared now or at any time during the meeting, with reasons. None declared at this time.

5. Adoption of Minutes – February 29, 2016

Minutes adopted as circulated.

5.1 Business arising from the minutes – nothing at this time.

6. Unfinished Business

The following were received and/or dealt with:

6.1 Training Facility – Update – Nothing at this time.

6.2 Firefighter Benefits – being investigated through Manulife, which are the carriers for the municipalities. They are requesting information regarding minimum number of hours. Member Nevills indicated that he had researched and found a company that provides benefits to Volunteer Fire Departments. Secretary to follow up with Provident.

6.3 Other – Nothing at this time.

7. Financials (at meeting)

The following were received and/or dealt with:

7.1 Bills and Accounts

Motion passed with respect to 2015 and 2016 accounts.

7.2 2016 Draft Budget

Discussion regarding Operating resulted in further amendments to move conference costs to account for the new Fire Prevention/Inspection Officer. Approximate 2015 surplus of \$45,000. though unaudited as yet. Operating Budget overall is same as 2015. Capital budget discussed. It was noted that reserve accounts need to be set up to reflect the 15 year capital plan. Member Nevills questioned the 2015 surplus amount questioned, whether it should be transferred into the Equipment Reserve account or should all or a portion be used to reduce the capital contributions by the municipalities, noting that prior to the 15 year plan, it mad sense to put surplus into the Equipment Reserve, but now there is a full replacement cost plan in place, it should be reconsidered. Also discussion regarding delaying vehicle replacement. Amount of MVA revenues applied against capital budget questioned. Chief McNeilly indicated the amount used is generally a 5 year average of MVA revenues. Secretary Treasurer will do an analysis and include appropriate amount in budget.

8. Grand Valley Fire Fighters Association Report

Nothing at this time.

9. New Business

The following were received and/or dealt with:

9.1 Fire Calls Summary Report - Received.

9.2 Accident Reports – MTO Process and Costs

Discussion ensued. There is a \$250.00 one time fee to register and a cost for each request for information, which will be added to the cost for recovery purposes. Matter should be put on the upcoming Joint Police Service Board and discuss better co-operation between the police on site and the fire department personnel in order that complete information can be obtained.

9.3 Orangeville Police Service 2016-2017 Communications “Tone Out” Agreement 2015 Board – motion passed.

9.4 Other – Nothing at this time.

10. Added Items – per Late Submission Resolution

10.1 Nothing at this time.

11. Fire Chief’s Report

11.1 Chief McNeilly reported that they are running a farm safety seminar on April 5, 2016, which is being advertised on the Association Facebook page. Town of Grand Valley has donated the community centre hall.

11.2 Chief McNeilly discussed the communication issues due to radio interference. The motion of the Board has been sent to Grand Valley for their next council meeting. The Chief has also discussed using the water tower with the CAO of Grand Valley and will need an engineer’s report.

12. Closed Meeting

12.1 Nothing at this time.

13. Confirming Resolution and Adjournment

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting to be Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

The following resolutions were passed:

MOVED BY T. NEVILLS, SECONDED BY J. INCE

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY D. MACIVER, SECONDED BY J. INCE

THAT the minutes of the February 29, 2016 regular 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 for 2015 from March 7, 2016 in the amount of \$255.27, and for 2016 from March 7, 2016 to March 18, 2016 in the amount of \$18,453.25 be approved and paid from the General Account.

CARRIED.

MOVED BY P. RENTSCH, SECONDED BY T. NEVILLS

THAT Chair John Stirk and Chief Kevin McNeilly be authorized to sign the Orangeville Police Service Communication Agreement on behalf of the Grand Valley and District Fire Board.

CARRIED.

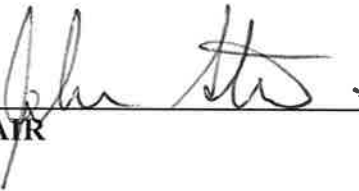
MOVED BY J. INCE, SECONDED BY D. MACIVER

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 March 22, 2016 regular 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 regular meeting held on March 22, 2016 are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed. **CARRIED.**

MOVED BY D. MACIVER, SECONDED BY J. INCE

THAT the Board adjourn to meet again Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. or at the call of the Chairperson. **CARRIED.**



CHAIR



SECRETARY