



MINUTES
MULMUR-MELANCTHON FIRE BOARD
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
ELECTRONIC

Present: Earl Hawkins – Mulmur Township
Ken Cufaro, Vice Chair – Mulmur Township
David Besley, Chair – Melancthon Township
Darren White – Melancthon Township
Fire Chief Scott Davision
Deputy Chief Matt Waterfield
Heather Boston, Secretary/Treasurer
Christine Hickey

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Appointment of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

Moved by: Hawkins and Seconded by: White

THAT David Besley be appointed to the position of Chair, Ken Cufaro be appointed to the position of Vice Chair and that Heather Boston be appointed as the Recording Secretary.

CARRIED

Note: Mulmur Township Treasurer is the Treasurer of the Board as per Agreement

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Chair Besley stated that if any member of the Board had a disclosure of pecuniary interest, they could declare the nature thereof now or at any time during the meeting.

No Declarations of Pecuniary interest were stated at this time.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Hawkins and Seconded by: Cufaro

THAT the January 19, 2021 agenda for the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes – December 14, 2020

Moved by: Cufaro and Seconded by: Hawkins

THAT the Minutes of the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board dated December 14, 2020 be approved as copied and circulated.

CARRIED

6. Finance

a) Accounts

Moved by: Cufaro and Seconded by: White

THAT the operating accounts as presented in the amount of \$6,579.86 be approved.

CARRIED

7. Old/New Business

a) Delegation – Mike Swidersky and Aldouse Cole

Re: Fire Call Invoice Fees

Mr. Swidersky was in attendance on behalf of the property owner, Mr. Cole.

Mr. Swidersky provided a summary on the fire call with a request that the full amount of the invoice be waived.

Moved by: Cufaro and Seconded by: Hawkins

THAT delegation from Mike Swidersky and Aldouse Cole regarding fire call fee invoice dated October 1, 2020 be received;

AND THAT the request be brought back to the Township of Melancthon Council for further direction.

CARRIED

b) Appreciation Dinner – Discussion Item

Discussion ensued on the Appreciation Dinner, the Board requested that the Appreciation Dinner be placed on a later Agenda for further discussion and direction.

c) Year-to-Date Fire Call Report

Discussion ensued on the Fire Call Report. The Board requested that the report include the number of firefighters that attended the accident.

Moved by: White and Seconded by: Cufaro

THAT the Fire Board receive the Year-to-Date Fire Call Report dated December 31, 2020.

CARRIED

d) Replacement of Station Pump System (Verbal)

Fire Chief, Scott Davison advised that the current station pump system is in need of replacement. The Fire Chief confirmed that he has received a couple of quotations to replace the system. Confirmation was provided that the funds can be taken from reserves and are to be replenished once the 2021 budget has been passed.

Moved by: White and Seconded by: Cufaro

THAT the information received from Fire Chief, Scott Davison regarding the replacement of the station pump system be received;

AND THAT the Fire Chief be authorized to purchase a replacement pump at a cost not to exceed \$10,000, with the funds to be taken from reserves;

AND FURTHER THAT the pump be included in the 2021 budget to replenish the reserve account.

CARRIED

8. Correspondence

a) Fire Marshal's Communiqué 2020-18

Re: Staffing Levels and Firefighter Safety

Moved by: Cufaro and Seconded by: Hawkins

THAT the correspondence items were received;

AND THAT the Communique be brought back on request of the Fire Chief.

CARRIED

9. Closed Session

Closed session pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, Section 239: Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and approving the previous closed meeting minutes.

Moved by: White and Seconded by: Cufaro

THAT the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board move into Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended at 8:27 p.m. for the following reasons: - personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and approval of past closed meeting minutes and approval of December 14, 2020 Closed Session Minutes.

Moved by: White and Seconded by: Cufaro

THAT the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board adjourn the Closed Session at 8:49 p.m. and return to the regular meeting.

CARRIED

Staff were directed accordingly as per close session matters.

Moved by: White and Seconded by: Cufaro

THAT the Mulmur Melancthon Fire Board approve the hiring of James McLean, Ryan Quann, Jeff Bond, Andrew Moon and Adam Kingsbury as Volunteer Firefighters;

AND THAT all conditions of the Hiring Policy apply.

CARRIED

Moved by: Cufaro and Seconded by: White

THAT the VFIS Coverage remain as is until July 1, 2021, when the coverage changes, as directed at the November 17, 2020 meeting will take effect.

CARRIED

Discussion ensued on Mulmur and Melancthon Councils working on a consistent Open Air Burning By-law.

The following Motion was introduced.

Moved by: Cufaro and Seconded by: White

THAT the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board request that a discussion on a combined by-law regarding open air burning be added to the Agenda for the Joint Council Meeting on February 17, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT the Fire Chief attend the meeting to provide input.

CARRIED

10. Adjournment

Moved by: White and Seconded by: Hawkins

THAT we do now adjourn at 9:10 p.m. to meet again on March 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

Chair

Secretary