



**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 Communiqué 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**

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**Chair**

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**Secretary**