



MULMUR-MELANCTHON FIRE BOARD MINUTES

June 30, 2026

Present: Bill Neilson, Chair – Melancthon Township
Earl Hawkins – Mulmur Township
Janet Horner – Mulmur Township
Darren White – Melancthon Township
Mathew Waterfield – Fire Chief
Roseann Knechtel – Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

We begin this meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting upon the traditional Indigenous lands of the Tionontati (Petun) and Treaty 18 territory of the Anishinaabe peoples. We recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place, and we also recognize the contributions Indigenous peoples have made, both in shaping and strengthening our community, province and country as a whole.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Horner Seconded by Hawkins

That the agenda be approved.

Carried.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Neilson

That the minutes of May 13, 2026 be approved.

Carried.

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest - None

6. Administration

6.1 2025 Financial Statements

The Board welcomed Matthew Betik, KPMG, who presented the 2025 Financial Statements for the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department. Betik noted the review engagement and provided assurance on the financial information, and noted the annual surplus of approximately 160,000 was in line with what it should be.

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Horner

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board approve the 2025 financial statements as presented by Matthew Betik, KPMG.

Carried.

6.2 Generator Purchase

Chief Waterfield presented the quotes and recommendation for the generator replacement at the Fire Hall. Members discussed alternative locations for the new generator, references for the companies who quoted, and possible emergency shelter use of the hall in the future. Chief Waterfield advised that he will be applying for a grant with the County to assist with costs as well.

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Neilson

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board amend the 2026 Capital Budget to approve the purchase and installation of a generator, to a maximum cost of \$60,000 to be funded from the capital reserves.

Carried.

6.3 General Fire Chief Update

Chief Waterfield updated Members on department activities, noting:

- 27 calls for service in 2026, down significantly due to the drop in medical calls.
- ARGO is in the last stages of setup before being put into service.
- 3 new recruits have now completed training and are awaiting final marks. Another 3 recruits are scheduled to complete training in 2027.

7. Closed Session

Moved by Horner and Seconded by Hawkins

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board adjourn to closed session at 3:40 p.m. pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended for one (1) matter related to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees under section 239(2)(b).

Carried.

7.1 Staffing Updates

Moved by Hawkins and Seconded by Neilson

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board do rise into open session at 3:55 p.m. with the following motion:

That the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Board approve the MMFB Closed Session Minutes of May 13, 2026;

And that Kyle McGee be appointed as Captain, effective July 1, 2026.

Carried.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Hawkins Seconded by Horner

That we do now adjourn at 3:59 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary