



MINUTES
Fire Committee
Monday, October 28th, 2019
Council Chambers 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Jim Wert, Mayor
Frank Landry, Deputy Mayor
Dan Gauvin, Fire Chief
Derek Hoar, Deputy Chief
Nancy-Ann Gauthier, Fire Prevention Officer

STAFF PRESENT: Craig Calder, CAO/Clerk

MEDIA PRESENT: N/A

1. CALL TO ORDER

Open

*RES-6-2019 Moved by Nancy Ann Gauthier, seconded by Mayor Wert.
THAT this Fire Committee meeting is now open for business.
CARRIED.*

2. AMENDEMENT TO THE AGENDA(ADDITION/DELETION)

None

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda

*RES-7-2019 Moved by Nancy Ann Gauthier, seconded by Deputy Mayor Landry..
THAT the Fire Committee adopts agenda as presented.
CARRIED.*

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNARY INTEREST

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes

RES-8-2019 Moved by Nancy Ann Gauthier, seconded by Mayor Wert.

THAT the Fire committee adopts Fire Committee minutes of July 23rd, 2019.
CARRIED.

6. RECEIVING OF REPORTS FROM THE APPOINTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

(1) Crysler Fire Hall

Chief Gauvin stated there had been some discussion at SMT on this subject. Mayor Wert – Community Engagement Fund – provided historical overview of this item. No commitment made but did request Blake look into this. Chief Gauvin stated there were two (2) fire halls that needed attention (Crysler and Finch). Chief Gauvin then raised truck replacement (2020) issue in this discussion for Finch station. Chief Gauvin suggested the truck be replaced before repairs. Captain Kevin Lapp was discussed – repair not replace. Chief Gauvin stated shuttle accreditation could be lost if pumper fails. Chief Gauvin did recognize the Crysler Fire Hall had been a topic of discussion for years. Chief Gauvin stated a Fire Master Plan was needed before replacement of fire halls – plan for next 5-6 years. Mayor Wert stated the Crysler Fire Hall will continue to be discussed thru the 2020 budget process. Deputy Mayor Landry – money for truck and master plan very expensive.

(2) Emily 911

Chief Gauvin provided overview of background to the program. Craig/Chief – April 1 . \$100 per sign.

(3) Fire Fighter Pay

Nancy Ann – 5 year review (no date from 2015-2018). Graph created – each station is broken down by (a) calls (b) training. Deputy Mayor Landry – what were hours year to year? Requested a yearly balance. Should have a fire payroll reserve fund to deal with fluctuations in service year to year. Can a reserve be created and kept if Township is in a deficit? Deputy Mayor Landry inquired if Senior Captains had been part of the review – Chief Gauvin stated this had not been raised at the September 2019 meeting. Mayor Wert asked if a reserve could be created.

(4) Fire Master Plan

Chief Gauvin - will bring to 2020 budget discussions. Moose Creek pumper (2018) was \$455,000 – Finch requires smaller pumper and would be cheaper – under \$400,000.

(5) Auto Fire Suppression – Wind Turbines

Chief Gauvin stated he is not an expert – he is a professional fire fighter – beyond his scope. Chief Gauvin did recommend these fire suppression units be installed in wind turbines. Chief Gauvin stated an engineer is needed – perhaps EDP. Fire Marshall office had no comment on bylaw or fire suppression installation in wind turbines. Mayor Wert stated an independent engineer is needed to generate a report/liability/risk factors for such systems. Township would hire engineer and cost would be responsibility of municipality. Need an objective viewpoint for firm answer on this issue.

(6) Quote – Fire Truck – Station 1 Finch

Chief Gauvin will bring quote to Council. CAO stated twenty (20) year threshold not mandatory and should not be single variable to determine replacement – liability and insurance concerns possible.

(7) Communications

Chief Gauvin provided overview of communications issues for fire serviced and the review was started after receiving a formal complaint from fire fighters. Overview of SDG efforts for county wide solution. North Stormont is worst communications system. 28 downtimes recorded for North Stormont. Mike St Onge has reviewed all equipment. Some SDG townships support county wide system but not all. North Stormont can go on their own or go with county system. Costs for North Stormont to implement new system discussed – including hardware etc. needs and costs associated. Mayor Wert stated whatever system the township decides on for replacement must meet the needs of the fire service long term.

(8) Fire Chief Truck Allowance

Chief Gauvin – 4000-6000 km annually for township business. Chief Gauvin's insurance and mileage is covered by the township. Mayor Wert stated no allowance - = \$0.45 km allowance is available. Chief Gauvin did state other SDG townships provide truck for Chief.

(9) Fire Fighter 1 Program

Deputy Chief Hoar – money's still available – wants to still run the training in 20210. This training is a pre-requisite for advanced training courses at College. Reserve available for training.

(10) Grain Bin Training

Deputy Chief Hoar – rescue kit for grain bin safety devices. \$5000 for training and associated equipment. Training Committee meeting – several farmers have this rescue equipment – if they try to complete without training more fatalities will likely occur. Deputy Chief Landry – agricultural township – fundraising event(s) in rural villages and farmlands. Funding is always challenging.

RES-9-2019 Moved by Deputy Mayor Landry, seconded by Deputy Chief Hoar

THAT the Committee receive all written and verbal reports.
CARRIED.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. COMING EVENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

RES-10-2019 Moved by Mayor Wert, seconded by Deputy Mayor Landry
THAT this Fire Committee adjourns at 6:44 p.m.

CARRIED.

CAO

CHAIR, Fire Chief