

Hopkins Area Fire Board
Minutes of the July 27, 2016 First Quarter 2016/17 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Evans at the Hopkins Public Safety Building.

Roll Call Present: Mark Evans, Mary Howard, Faye Black, Sue Jones, Pam Brown, Earl Collier, Sue Sebright

Absent: Ben Brenner and Nevin Cooper-Keel

Others present: Asst. Chief Bob Kerber, Chief Tim McKinnon to

Agenda –The agenda was reviewed by the members present. **Motion by Brown and supported by Jones to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes.**

Minutes – The minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting were read. **Motion by Howard and seconded by Brown to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes.**

Financial Report – The total fund balance as of 6/30/16 was \$73,797.99. **Motion by Howard and supported by Black to accept the financial report. All ayes.**

Chief's Report – See attached. Bob Kerber and Eric Alberda have passed the National Registry Test for EMT license. Issue has been brought up before the Wayland Area Emergency Services board to change the base rate of compensation to more fairly reflect actual time involved in responding to calls.

Old Business:

Secretary/Treasurer position – Sebright will be resigning from the fire board at the end of 2016. There was discussion about separating the two offices. It was decided to keep the office as is for now. Mary Howard consented to take the position with the understanding that she will not do any financial accounting. Sebright will ask Marcie Fredricks if she can do all the financial accounting.

New Business:

Intergovernmental Agreement update – There was discussion about the current Hopkins Area Fire Board Intergovernmental Agreement. There are a few items that need to be updated.

1. Because of different fiscal calendars, the agreement calls for the proposed budget to be presented for approval by December. It is very difficult to project budget needs so far in advance and the village representatives feel that the budget can be presented to them as late as March.
2. Hopkins Township collects a millage for the purchase of major firefighting equipment from the village property owners as well as all other township residents. The current agreement states that the village will pay the amount determined by the formula from their general fund. This wording needs to be clarified to reflect that the village cost is paid through the millage collected by Hopkins Township.
3. When tribal land is placed in trust, revenue is lost to the unit where the land is located. Each unit of government affected will negotiate a contract for services from the tribe.

Discussion will resume at the next meeting.

Other Business:

Yankee Springs FD is having an open house. The new department is going okay and working on some issues that need to be resolved.

Public Comment – None

Motion by Evans and supported by Howard to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.
Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Hopkins public safety building.

Respectfully submitted by
Sue Sebright/secretary