

SUNDRIDGE – STRONG FIRE DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT BOARD

A meeting of the Sundridge - Strong Fire Department Management Board was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sundridge Council Chambers.

PRESENT: **Sundridge** Jason Newman and Don Richardson
 Strong Jason Cottrell and Jeff McLaren

FIRE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS: Marty Elik and Vinny Bonazza

STAFF PRESENT: Bettyann Muir, Joint Committee Recording Secretary-Deputy Clerk Village of Sundridge

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson Jason Cottrell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda had been circulated. It was

MOVED BY: Jason Newman
SECONDED BY: Jeff McLaren

That the agenda be approved as circulated for the June, 2015 meeting. Carried.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

VERIFICATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 were circulated.

It was

MOVED BY: Jeff McLaren
SECONDED BY: Jason Newman

That the minutes of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 be adopted as circulated. Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Village of Sundridge and the Township of Strong councils passed a resolution accepting the Board’s recommendation of pursuing the replacement of Pump #2.

SPECIAL BUSINESS/DEPUTATION

None

SPECIAL COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE REPORTS

None

FOLLOW UP/NEW BUSINESS

Grass cutting services at the Firehall was discussed. It was

MOVED BY: Jason Newman

SECONDED BY: Don Richardson

That the Sundridge – Strong Fire Department Fire Department Management Board contract Ben Hopps for grass cutting services at the Firehall at the rate of \$45.00 per cut for the 2015 season. Carried

Fire Chief’s Report (attached)

The fire chief’s report had been circulated. It was asked if the new communication system has been ordered. The Board members discussed recruitment and the problem with day time firefighter attendance. Again it was discussed the possibility of firefighters from South River Fire Department working in Sundridge at local businesses and the possibility of them responding to a call during the work day if their employer is in agreement. Bettyann is to ask Wayne if he would call Risto and discuss this idea. It was asked if the list of mechanics as discussed at the May 6th meeting had been done up. Jason Cottrell told the committee that Wayne is doing a list of mechanics and it will be made available for future use. Some of the Fire Board members felt that either the Fire Chief or the Deputy Fire Chief should be in attendance at the meetings to answer questions the board members have. Discussion took place with regard to the By-Law that has the flow chart in it that shows that the Fire Chief is part of the Board.

A recruit had been interviewed. It was

MOVED BY: Jason Newman

SECONDED BY: Jeff McLaren

That the Sundridge – Strong Fire Department Management Board approved the hiring of Josh Bolton effective May 25, 2015 with the six month probationary period to be applied. Carried

Pursuing the replacement of Pumper #2 was discussed. It was

MOVED BY: Jason Newman
SECONDED BY: Don Richardson

That the Sundridge – Strong Fire Department Management Board authorize the Fire Chief to investigate options for the replacement of Pumper #2 and work with Administration to draft a tender/proposal. Carried

The Village of Sundridge council had passed the 2015 Wage By-Law at their June 2, 2015 council meeting. It was

MOVED BY: Jason Newman
SECONDED BY: Jeff McLaren

That the Sundridge – Strong Fire Department Management Board approve the 2% wage increase for the Fire Chief as set out in the Village of Sundridge Pay Grid effective January 1, 2015. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jason Newman told the Board that the Sundridge Council did not sign the Automatic Aid Agreement between our fire department and Burk’s Falls Fire Department as there are a few things in it that have to be clarified first.

CLOSED SESSION

There were no items for discussion at the time of agenda preparation.

NON AGENDA BUSINESS

The Board asked the Firefighter’s Association representatives how the Association was doing and they replied things were good.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, it was

MOVED BY: Jason Newman
SECONDED: Don Richardson

That we do now adjourn at 8:04 p.m. until the next regular meeting Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. or at the call of the chair. Carried

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Jason Cottrell
Chair

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Bettyann Muir
Joint Committee Recording Secretary
Deputy Clerk Village of Sundridge