

TOWNSHIP OF WHITEWATER REGION
Committee Meeting

Meeting Title: Fire Committee

Date: Wed, February 6, 2008

Place: Municipal Council Chambers

Start Time: 2:30 p.m.

FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Previous Minutes
3. Personnel
4. Non Resident Fire Personnel – Discussion
5. Fire Apparatus – Report Review and Discussion
6. Other Business
7. Closed Meeting to discuss litigation, potential litigation, labour relations, and the security of the property of the municipality.
8. Adjournment

Present: Mayor Don Rathwell, Deputy Mayor Ron Lowe Councilors: Art Cobb, Jack Ferguson, Jim Labow, Izett McBride, Daryl McLaughlin, Joey Trimm and Jacob Rook

Staff Present: Randi Keith, Fire Chief Wayne Heubner and Deputy Fire Chief Mike Moore and Captain John Felix Cull

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Jacob Rook, Seconded by Izett McBride

“Be it resolved that the minutes of the previous Fire Committee Meeting dated August 1, 2007 be adopted as circulated”

Carried
Joey Trimm

Resignation of Fire Fighters

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Jim Labow

Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Fire Committee recommend to Council that they accept the resignation notification from:

Devon Chaput – Westmeath

Jesse Chard – Westmeath

David Johnson – Beachburg

Warren Stewart – Beachburg

Bob Painchaud – Foresters Falls

Rob Painchaud – Foresters Falls

Dave Dixon – Cobden

Steve Wood – Cobden

Kevin Humphries – Cobden

Adam MacGregor – Haleys

Lorne Rathwell – Haleys

Carried
Joey Trimm

Hiring of Fire Fighters

Moved by Jack Ferguson, Seconded by Jim Labow

Be it Resolved that the Township of Whitewater Region Fire Committee recommend to Council that the following firefighters be hired:

Jeff Felske - Cobden

Adam Burns – Cobden

Michael Meadows – Foresters Falls

Mike Vaillancourt – Foresters Falls

Amie Godin – ForesterFalls

Brendan Belaire - Haleys

Dan Tucker– Beachburg

Don Fraser – Beachburg

Joshua Wayner - Beachburg

Jeremy Austin – Westmeath

Michael Cribari - Westmeath

Carried
Joey Trimm

Non-Resident Hiring

Some discussion took place on whether to hire people for the Fire Department from outside the Township. It was felt that it should be looked at case by case.

Fire Apparatus

Fire Chief Heubner reported that 3 trucks were out of service and that the situation was critical. He explained the situation with the trucks. Much discussion took place. Several Councilors would like to see a plan on what can be done with the trucks that we have, do we really need as many trucks? It was stated several times that the costs will have to be controlled as the department is well over budget and we still owe \$50,000.00 on the Fire Truck purchased for the Haley Fire Hall.

Fire Chief Heubner spoke on things regulated by the Province.

It was suggested that the Fire Chief come forward with recommendations taking into account factors put forward by Council. All agreed that the service should not be reduced.

It was stated that no other municipality has 5 fire stations and the cost to operate these stations were extremely high.

A report will be presented to Council in two weeks.

Committee of the Whole

Moved by Jim Labow, seconded by Jack Ferguson:-

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Fire Committee convene into Committee of the whole to discuss Personnel.”

Carried
Joey Trimm

Adjournment of the committee of the Whole

Moved by Jim Labow, seconded by Jack Ferguson:

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Fire Committee come out of Committee of the Whole.”

Carried
Joey Trimm

Adjournment

Moved by Jim Labow, seconded by Jack Ferguson:-

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region Fire Committee Meeting dated Feb. 6/08 be adjourned at 5:10PM.”

Carried
Joey Trimm