



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

7:00 pm

**Perry Township Fire Hall – Training Room)
(64 Old Government Road, Emsdale, ON)**

Any and all Minutes are to be considered Draft until approved by Council at a Regular Meeting of Council

In Attendance:

Council Members:

Mayor Norm Hofstetter

Councillors: Margaret Ann MacPhail and Paul Sowrey

Absent:

Councillors: Jim Cushman and Joe Lumley

Municipal Staff:

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator;
Dan Marshall, Fire Chief

Members of the Public:

Members of the Fire Department – Dan Marshall Jim Leung, Graham Stetler, Jamie Hamilton, Julie Clodd, Jeff Renaud, Gary Courtice

Mayor Hofstetter opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. No pecuniary interest was declared. He noted that Councillor Lumley sent his regrets as he had to work, but looks forward to attending future meetings and is appreciative of the volunteers.

Mayor Hofstetter also thanked the members of the Fire Department for attending the spring meeting held in the new fire hall. He mentioned that the grand opening has been scheduled on August 21, 2019 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Invitations were sent out earlier today.

The Mayor also noted that there is an Information Session on the closure of the Novar Fire Hall being held on June 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers. The Fire Department has been responding from Emsdale prior to 2015, therefore response times will not change, nor will the services that are already being provided. The Session will allow residents to better understand and ask questions. The firefighters noted that most of the general public are already aware of this.

The Mayor commented that the paving of the Fire Hall lot will be completed over the next few weeks and that the surface treatment of Old Government Road will also be done this year.

The Fire Chief confirmed that the old Emsdale Fire Hall will be cleaned out during fire practice tomorrow night in preparation for the demolition this summer.

The Mayor asked about the antique fire pumper as Council would like to see it restored. The Fire Chief will deliver to Williams Brothers for restoration. It will be placed at the Perry Township Fire Hall when complete.

The Mayor then went over the 2019 budget for the Fire Department with all of the firefighters. During the discussion, the firefighters advised Council that they are very appreciative and pleased with the new fire hall.

The firefighters discussed the need for DZ training which Dan Marshall will look into and if further funding is required within the training budget, he will bring forward a report to Council providing detailed costs for consideration.

Gary Courtice, Trainer was in the building providing recruitment training in the bay section of the Fire Hall. He was invited into the meeting to provide updates. Gary advised that the recruitment class is over a 12-week period with 15 recruits from the area Fire Departments, with 2 from Perry. He provided Council with an update on the training program. The firefighters questioned Gary about the DZ training. Gary advised Council that he can complete all of the DZ training in house, however the firefighters would need a truck to complete the drive test with MTO. DZ training to be brought forward to the next Fire Chief Meeting for potential February to April 2020 training for all departments. The Fire Chief will report back to the Clerk-Administrator. Jamie Hamilton also advised that he will send details by email to the Clerk-Administrator on the trainer program.

Gary noted that training provided by him is consistent with all of the participating fire departments. If a volunteer cannot attend training at their hall, they can pick up training at another hall a different night. The automatic aid is working well. All departments are trained under the same guides and procedures. Gary also mentioned that purchasing of equipment can be bought in bulk (ie SCBA), and the Fire Chiefs are looking to purchase the same equipment for consistency and familiarity. They continue to share equipment so not all fire departments need to purchase (ie ice water, ladder truck).

The firefighters would like to see a new pumper/tanker in a budget in the next 2 to 3 years. The truck will replace 2 fire trucks.

Firefighters also expressed an interest in an exercise training room and outside training equipment. Council willing to consider, but need to be brought forward with costs, location, etc. It was suggested to consider putting into the new Community Centre due to limited space at the Fire Hall, but would like consideration for outside training equipment at the hall.

The Fire Chief noted that Perry has 14 volunteers, but it is not always consistent.

The Old Municipal Office continues to be used for search and rescue training.

Jim Leung noted that there is funding available through Jenny's Heroes for equipment. The deadline for funding is June 14, 2019. Jim will send information to Clerk-Administrator, but will fill out the forms for preparation.

The Clerk-Administrator discussed the upcoming Recreation and Culture Committee Firefighter Dinner and Dance. Any funds raised can be used towards required equipment. The firefighters are very pleased to see that this event is being held and looks forward to more events. May assist with recruitment.

The FPO would like to host school tours in the Fire Hall once the building is complete and final has been granted. Likely will start in September. Also would like to see more recruitment nights.

In closing, the firefighters see the Fire Department moving forward positively and appreciate the investment Council has been putting into the Fire Department.

Next Fire Department Meeting with Council to be scheduled in the Fall.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:46 pm.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2019.

Original Signed by Norm Hofstetter
Norm Hofstetter, *Mayor*

Original Signed by Beth Morton
Beth Morton, *Clerk-Administrator*