



The Corporation of the Township of Perry

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
Fire Department
Thursday August 4th, 2022
7:00 pm
Perry Township Fire Department
64 Old Government Road, Emsdale, Ontario

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, Jim Cushman, Joe Lumley and Paul Sowrey

Municipal Staff:

Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator
Erica Cole, Deputy Clerk
Dan Marshall, Fire Chief
Graham Stetler, Fire Prevention Officer

Members of the Public:

See Sign in Sheet

Mayor Hofstetter opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None

Welcome

Mayor Hofstetter opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

Equipment

The new mini pumper has been delivered and is being well-received by all firefighters. Due to the smaller size of the mini pumper, it can easily access narrower roads and laneways in the area. In addition, the driver licence requirements for the mini pumper is classified as a 'G' licence, making it easier to train the firefighters on the truck as opposed to having to wait for a Class 'D' licence. Firefighters are still encouraged to obtain their Class 'D' licence so they may operate all apparatuses.

Fire Chief Marshall will investigate the cost of purchasing studded winter tires for the mini pumper.

Mayor Hofstetter highlighted that Council has pledged to support the Fire Department, including maintaining and appropriately planning for future

equipment purchases to ensure the safety and well-being of the volunteers and the community. Mayor Hofstetter acknowledged that Fire Services is a priority for this Council.

Training

Gary Courtice, Regional Training Officer, continues to provide training to the firefighters. Firefighters are happy with Mr. Courtice and look forward to continuing to train with him.

Regional training and cross-training with other South Almaguin Fire Departments continues. This not only helps train firefighters on different types of equipment/apparatuses, but also is a networking event for volunteer firefighters to meet each other so they are familiar with one another on emergency calls.

After they have attended a scene, the firefighters continue to re-group to discuss three things: What went well. What could they have done to improve the situation. What equipment could have been used that wasn't. They address the junior firefighters first for answers so as not to be influenced by senior members.

Workout Facility

The new workout facility is being used by firefighters on a regular basis. The firefighters are most appreciative of the location of the facility, as they can train in their bunker-gear (for better experience and resistance training). The facility is also available, by coded lock, for firefighters to use 24/7, which adds to its convenience.

Recruitment

Looking at conducting another Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment Blitz. Will be placing advertisements on social media, adding banners and signs around the community, and having recruitment packages available at local events (e.g. touch a truck events, fall fairs, etc.). Firefighters also suggested placing Recruitment Information in the welcome packages or in tax bills to bring additional awareness of the recruitment blitz to all property owners.

Office Staff will collaborate with the Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer to help conduct the recruitment advertisements.

Live Burn Facility

Mayor Hofstetter advised that current Council Members are in support of the Live Burn Facility to be located within Perry Township, in principle, and hopes to receive more support and confirm cost funding formulas for the Live Burn Facility during the next term of Council.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Following the adjournment, Council participated in an inspection of the new mini pumper and workout facility.

Dated this 7th day of September, 2022

"Originally Signed"

Norm Hofstetter, Mayor

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Beth Morton, Clerk-Administrator