

# Mosier Fire District Board Meeting

## Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00PM

### Attendance

- **Board members:** Carol Goter, Todd Reeves, Kris McNall, Joanne Rubin, Kris McNall
- **Staff:** Mike Chief Michael Carlson
- **Volunteers:** Maggie Goter
- **Public:** Rob Miller

### Call to order at 1801

**Agenda additions or corrections:** Resignation of Steve Fisher from Board

**Comments from the public:** None

**Bills:** Carol Goter pointed out that there was an error in the mastercard bill where a reimbursement was labeled as a finance charge. Kris noted that getting these categories correct is important for our books and audit. Kris moved to approve the bills with the correction pointed out by Carol. Joanne seconded. All in favor.

**Volunteer Report:** Maggie Goter reported that the volunteers wanted to thank Carol and other board members for coming to drill and working to improve the connections between the volunteers and the board.

**Board:** Todd will attend drill in January.

Kris resigned as Secretary (but not as Treasurer). There was discussion about the duties of Secretary and it was confirmed that the Secretary prepares the agenda and minutes and performs other duties as necessary. Kris stated that she would continue to serve as the backup for secretary duties. Todd nominated Carol as Secretary; Kris seconded; all in favor.

Joanne stated that Steve Fisher had emailed her that he was resigning from the Mosier Fire Board. The board agreed to advertise for a replacement board member. The term will be a two year unexpired term until June 30, 2025.

*Joanne left the meeting due to illness.*

**Financials:** The financial review was discussed. MFD spent well under budget last year, largely because there was no full time chief for a full time salary or to make major spending decisions. There were some categorization errors so we need to continue to be vigilant reviewing bills. The grant fund is no more; unanticipated grants will be spent from the general fund and tracked on a spreadsheet.

We still haven't been able to get an answer from the state about our unemployment insurance. Kris will keep trying.

Board members requested that we try to get a P&L for single months. Kris said she will look into it.

**Holiday Party:** Chief Michael Carlson reported that too many volunteers are unable to attend a party in December. Upon reviewing the numbers it was decided that we don't have enough people for a special night at MoCo and instead to try going on a regular night. Chief Michael Carlson will look into dates in January.

**JUF:** The JUF committee met and agreed to pursue a scaled down design. Kris stated that she had read the transcript and there were a lot of numbers being discussed that have not been presented to the fire board. She stated that it's imperative that Chief Michael Carlson ask the City representatives to work to keep him, and thus Fire in the loop. The group agreed that it's just habit and not an intent to hide anything. Chief Michael Carlson said that he would work with the City Manager to get information so that the Fire board can take a more active role in making this project successful.

**Chief Report:** Chief Michael Carlson is continuing to work on the possible annexation of properties on Vensel Road. The board asked that he also include other properties adjacent to the district e.g. Mosier Creek Road. Chief Michael Carlson says he's going to work for a more hands on approach to training and vary things up. He reported that he attended a Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) seminar tailored to the fire service and he recommends it. He is working to get rid of out of date SCBA cylinders and then possibly pursue a grant for new ones. He reported on a fire that was a burn pile that got out of control for which he called for mutual aid due to lack of available volunteers. Kris asked for some education about which vehicles are used for which responses, Todd asked to defer that until next month and the board agreed.

**Public Comment:** Maggie thanked the board for its discussion about JUF expenses as she feels that they are a black box. She stated that she wants a station to be built in a way that allows the district to achieve its other operational priorities. The board discussed how we need to figure out how to build something we can afford.

*The board decided not to hold an executive session as Joanne was no longer in the meeting.*

Meeting adjourned at 19:55.