

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HORTON

FIRE COMMITTEE

January 8, 2014

There was a Meeting of the Fire Committee held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Wednesday January 8, 2014. Present was Chair Margaret Whyte and Mayor Don Eady. Staff present was Fire Chief Randy Corbin, Deputy Chief Allan Cole and Finance Manager Jennifer Barr.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Whyte called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest expressed by the members or the staff.

3. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13 AND 25, 2013 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Chair Whyte reviewed the minutes which had been approved by council.

Chair Whyte noted that the Building Inspector is not in attendance. Mayor Eady hasn't had time to discuss the Boat Launch septic options with the Building Inspector but will do so and invite him to the next meeting.

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

None.

5. REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT – JANUARY 8, 2014 FOR DECEMBER 31, 2013

There were some general inquiries from the committee which were addressed by Jennifer Barr, Finance Manager. Ms. Barr also noted that the current surplus for 2013 which is to be transferred to reserves may change in the next few weeks prior to 2013 being finalized.

6. 2014 CAPITAL BUDGET

Chair Whyte inquired about any proposals for the 2014 capital budget.

Deputy Chief Cole noted that given Mayor Eady's previous comment with regards to increasing OPP costs that he does not have a formal proposal for 2014 capital but that the department still wishes to purchase SCBA's during 2014 and has been having discussions with both the McNab/Braeside and Greater Madawaska Fire Department's with regards to bulk purchasing. The original estimate of \$60,000 should still be budgeted for 10 units and extra bottles until a subcommittee is formed. Mayor Eady is happy with this type of pooled purchase and can see mutual benefits when it comes to repairs. Deputy Chief Cole also noted that this will also assist with mutual aid given that the municipalities become interchangeable with SCBA's.

Moved by Don Eady, Seconded by Randy Corbin

That the SCBA figure of \$60,000 be incorporated into the 2014 Fire Department budget request and be financed from Lot Development Funds first with the balance coming from the Fire Equipment Reserve.

Carried.

7. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

2013 seen an increase in overall calls by 7. There were 38 calls in 2012 and 45 in 2013.

There has already been one call in January for a locked door rescue. This is a call from a personal alarm device and all emergency services are dispatch (Police, Ambulance, and Fire).

December 2 calls - 1 accident - called off
- 1 Motor Vehicle Call for extrication – called off

There will be a training session early in the spring for chain saw use. Chief Corbin will contact the Public Works Manager to see if any roads staff should be included.

A fire fighter will be attending the Mutual Aid Sponsored course CO/FPO Legislation 101.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Eady inquired as to the recent service awards to ensure no one was missed. Chief Corbin stated no one was missed and the awards were very well received and appreciated by the recipients.

Chair Whyte thanked the department for another wonder year and wished the department a safe and prosperous 2014.

9. NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that the next meeting will be April 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Randy Corbin, Seconded by Allan Cole

That this Committee Meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.
Carried.

Chair, Margaret Whyte

Finance Manager, Jennifer Barr