



VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM

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Community Protection Committee Minutes Thursday September 20, 2018 4:30 P.M. 1000 Norway-Administrative Office

Present: Paul Roppuld- Chair, Dan Shannon, Tad Dukehart, Keith Krist

Absent: Bob Volpe

Staff: Justin MacDonald- Fire Chief

Guests: None

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order by Chair Roppuld
2. Quorum; A quorum is present for this meeting
3. Changes to agenda: None
4. Previous minutes-Minutes from June 13, 2018

Motion per Shannon to approve the June 13, 2018 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Krist, all ayes and motion carried.

5. Visitors' comments:

6. **Discussion and recommendation for the 2019 EVFD annual budget:** Chief MacDonald is here to present his suggestions for the 2019 Fire Department Budget. Change in Insurance may occur, new numbers will available soon. Roppuld inquired if MacDonald believes that these figures are what will be needed in 2019 to maintain and improve service to the Village by his department. MacDonald stated they are in keeping with what would be needed. In regard to salaries the executive committee of the mid door group and Fire Chiefs met and Macdonald explained that salaries must be the same across the Board according to the Mid Door Agreement. They propose an increase to \$7,000 for the Chiefs and \$3,500 for the assistant Fire Chief. LOSA retirement fund, we have added more personal so that number will go up for 2019. This is done with matching funds from the State. Vehicle fuel will go up significantly partially due to the larger tank and training on the new boat. The boat is currently at the Fire House Marina for the remainder of the year. Professional dues will also go up because of new members. Cell Phones will stay the same. Vehicle Insurance will be increased. Equipment will go up \$3,000 for cribbing and gear for the new personnel. Ephraim Meetings will also go up for the new staff. We may be over budget this year. Reduction in costs for inspections and an increase will be proposed for the inspector. Law enforcement costs going down, was a fund for emergencies. Dukehart inquired if MacDonald can move money from one category to another, yes he can he replied, a budget change is usually made at the end of the year. MacDonald is requesting a \$7,351.69 increase in the budget or 4.5%. Electronics from the old boat will be put into the new budget. When the Boston Whaler is sold the money will be used to offset the cost of the new boat. Roppuld asked that we wait until approving the budget until we discuss item 7.

Motion per Dukehart to approve the 2019 budget as presented, seconded by Shannon, all ayes and motion carried.

7. **Discussion and recommendation for parity for certain emergency services personnel:** Roppuld provided a spreadsheet for what other municipalities are paying for Fire Department services. MacDonald explained the information on Fire Chief Salaries, we do not include Gibraltar because they now have a full time Chief. We are in the ball park for Chief salaries. The approved was \$7,000 for Chiefs, which is close to the County average. What we do is vital to the department and we all perform the same duties. By approving the budget we approve the increases. The increase for the Chief would be

\$2,000, the increase for Assistant Chief would be \$1,000 to bring them to \$3,500, no increase for Captains of other firefighters. By consensus the Committee approves these increases. Brief additional discussion regarding how these numbers were originally developed and how the paperwork has increased significantly.

Dukehart mentioned that the Committee publically acknowledge the efforts of Chief MacDonald, Jon Stall and others for their dedication and hard work to get the new water rescue boat for the Village.

Motion per Roppuld that the Community Protection Committee publically acknowledge the efforts of those involved is securing the new version of a Fire Boat for the interest and protection of the citizens of Ephraim.

8. Discussion and recommendation for elimination of certain apparent redundancies in Village of Ephraim Ordinances 9 and 10: Roppuld introduced this item the Board had requested that this committee review the Chapter 10 Public Nuisances to eliminate redundancies with language in the Revised Chapter 9 Peace Order and Nuisances. Information currently contained in Chapter 10 that are relevant will be incorporated into Chapter 9. There are no substantive changes. Shannon commented on the duplication of language. The redundant Chapter 10 would then be eliminated.

Krist inquired about the previously approved 9.06 regarding loud noises and Roppuld explained how that is determined.

Motion per Roppuld to relocate to Chapter 9, found in the Village of Ephraim Ordinances, language presently found in Ordinance Chapter 10 Public Nuisances, which is redundant to language found in Ordinance Chapter 9, Peace Order and Nuisances, seconded by Shannon, all ayes and motion carried.

Motion per Roppuld to eliminate/vacate Chapter 10 Public Nuisances, found in the Village of Ephraim Ordinances, seconded by Krist, all ayes and motion carried.

Language to be moved includes 10.02 Public Nuisances (1) Inspection of Premises

10.03 Abatement of Public Nuisances:

1. Inspection of Premises
2. Summary of Abatement
 - (a) Notice to Owner
 - (b) Abatement by Village
 - (c) Abatement by Court Action
 - (d) Other Methods Not Excluded

10.04 Cost of Abatement

10.10 Violations and Penalties

9. **Visitors' comments:** None

10. **New business for next meeting:**

11. **Adjournment:**

Motion per Dukehart to adjourn this meeting of the Community Protection Committee, seconded by Krist, all ayes and motion carried.