

SUNDRIDGE – STRONG FIRE DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT BOARD

A special meeting of the Sundridge - Strong Fire Department Management Board was held on Monday March 5, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at the Sundridge Council Chambers.

PRESENT: **Sundridge** Lyle Hall and Don Richardson
 Strong Jason Cottrell and Jeff McLaren

FIRE ASSOCIATION Jeff Johnstone
MEMBERS: Rebel Kennedy (absent)

STAFF PRESENT: Grant Love, Fire Chief/CEMC
 Nancy Austin, Joint Committee Recording Secretary

C1 The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by chairperson Jason Cottrell.

C2 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda had been circulated. It was

Resolution #2018-008F

MOVED BY: Jeff McLaren

SECONDED BY: Don Richardson

That the agenda for the March 5, 2018 special meeting be approved as circulated.
Carried.

C3 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

C4 VERIFICATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

None

C5 Business arising from Minutes

None

C6 CORRESPONDENCE

None

C7 NEW BUSINESS/FOLLOW UP BUSINESS - 2018 Budget

The 2018 Budget was brought back to the Fire Board by a resolution from the Township of Strong requesting an amendment to the budget that was approved by the Fire Board on January 29, 2018.

Motion to Reconsider

[This motion was subject to 2/3 majority vote]

Resolution # 2018-009F

Moved By: Jeff McLaren
Seconded By: Lyle Hall

That Resolution #2018-006F dated January 29, 2018 be reconsidered pursuant to Section 10 of the Joint Management and Operation of a Fire Department Agreement; in which the Township of Strong passed Resolution #2018-032 dated February 27, 2018 recommending to have the Fire Department budget amended.

Carried.

The Fire Chief and Committee Members went line by line through the budget. They discussed what each line represented, the dollar figure associated with each item, and a priority rating for each of the items. The Fire Chief advised the committee that the level of service may be affected by the proposed budget reductions. The Bunker Gear requires three suits to be removed from service now which will mean that three fire fighters will not be responding to calls for service unless the gear is replaced. The requirements for the gear requires that the pants and coat must match in terms of the same make. The Communication equipment is in need of upgrades. The Fire Department requires four additional radios to be purchased to ensure that each and every member of the department has a radio. The SCBA cylinder hydrostatic testing is required to be done every 5 years or 10 years depending on the type of cylinder. The capital line of the budget was discussed in great length in terms of new vehicle(s) and equipment. The Fire Chief advised the committee that the wages line of the budget also included costs associated with succession planning, and the newly legislated training requirements. The mandatory requirements for training take effect January 1, 2019. The Chair requested further review and discussion of the proposed amended budget with the Township of Strong Council prior to any further budget discussion at the Fire Board Committee meeting.

Resolution #2018-010F

Moved By: Don Richardson
Seconded By: Jeff McLaren

That the Sundridge Strong Fire Department Management Board defer the 2018 Budget pending deliberations by The Township of Strong Council and the Village of Sundridge Council.

Carried.

C8 Closed Session

None

C9 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, it was

Resolution #2018-011F

MOVED BY: Lyle Hall

SECONDED: Jeff McLaren

That we do now adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Next regular meeting to be Tuesday April 3, 2018 at 5 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried.

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Jason Cottrell
Chair

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Nancy Austin
Joint Committee Recording Secretary

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