

Fire Service Area Board #1 Approved Minutes from the 12/28/2012 Meeting

The FSA#1 Board has approved the following minutes at our 1/25/13 meeting. - J.R.Myers, Acting Secretary, HB FSA#1

12/28/12

Convened 7:00pm in the Haines Borough Assembly Chambers.

Present: Alan Heinrich, Richard Buck, Kathleen FitzWilliam and J.R.Myers.

Absent: Fire Chief Scott Bradford was absent, this is his fourth consecutive absence. Having a quorum the Board proceeded to conduct business.

Accept Minutes of 12/18/12. Moved by Richard, Seconded by Kathleen. All approved.

Old Business: Member Reports:

Richard spoke with Assistant Clerk, Michelle Webb regarding tax credits for homeowner fire suppression. That does not appear possible. He then inquired about tax relief based upon distance from fire stations. This may be difficult.

Alan has spoken to the Fire Chief about the possibility of borough owned property at Mud Bay for a fire station. We already have property at Lutak. We should explore these possibilities further.

Alan moves to e-mail the HB Mayor to encourage her and the borough assembly to set aside borough property at Mud Bay for a future firehall. Richard seconds. Discussion. All in Favor. Alan will write the e-mail.

Kathleen spoke about contacting Cheryl Stickler and Principal Beyer at the school about the possibilities of recruiting young people as volunteer fire fighters. The dialogue has begun.

A general discussion ensued. Kathleen agrees to be the contact person with the school and others to explore this further.

Alan also spoke to Scott Bradford about the weekly radio program and the possibility of running PSAs to recruit new firefighters.

J.R. Spoke to Don Hotch, Jr., Klukwan Fire Chief. I asked him to attend this meeting and to bring information about the Klukwan Fire Department. He said he would try to attend. The invitation to the FSA #1 meetings will remain open. We also agreed to reach out to FSA #3 to build rapport.

Alan reports on his meeting with Fire Chief Scott Bradford. They met for 3 hours to discuss a possible fire hall location. We want the Fire Chief to invite the Board Members to a Fire Department business meeting. These are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00, upstairs in the Public Safety Building. I informed him that the board members would like to be invited to the annual dinner. Discussed a number of items brought up by the FSA #1 Board. He listened and was informative.

Alan presented some history of the HB Volunteer Fire Department. We will continue to pursue this rapport building with the Fire Department.

Budget: We agree that we should be reviewing the budget, and advocating for the needs of the Volunteer Fire Department. Alan passed around a copy of last year's budget. Alan will also inquire about this year's budget and the budget process.

HB Volunteer Fire Department Annual Dinner: Some board members expressed an interest in attending.

Officer Elections: It was agreed to postpone until all five board members are present.

New Business: Bylaws discussion. What are our bylaws? Do we need revised/more complete bylaws? Alan will look around at other community boards to see what they have.

Public Comment: There was none.

Next Meeting: Friday 01/25/12 at 7:00pm at the HB Assembly Chambers.

Adjourned: 8:39pm