

HILTON UNION FIRE BOARD

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

June 10, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairperson, Brian Delvecchio
Deputy Fire Chief, Robert Hope
Mike Garside
Janet Gordanier
Sarah Brown

Acting Secretary-Treasurer: Sara Dinsdale

Absent: Rodney Wood

Call to order at 7:02 p.m.

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Resolution #F2024-22

Moved: Janet Gordanier Seconded: Mike Garside

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF THE HILTON UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT accepts the agenda of June 10, 2024 as presented. *CARRIED*

Resolution #F2024-23

Moved: Sarah Brown Seconded: Janet Gordanier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF THE HILTON UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT does approve the following minutes as presented: May 6, 2024. *CARRIED*

Deputy Fire Chief, Robert Hope gave an update on fire calls and volunteer status since the last meeting. He stated that there were two fire calls. The first fire call was for Fort St. Joseph National Historic Site on May 15, 2024; however, it was a false alarm and was called off before anyone had an opportunity to respond. The second call was on May 30, 2024 and was made by mistake. The call was for Cottage Rd. on the main land rather than for Cottage Rd. in St. Joseph Township. It was discovered a mistake until after two volunteers responded.

There have been three practices since the last meeting. The practices included fire planning, truck maintenance, and potential disaster prevention at the marina and a fire plan at the trailer park. Access at Soo Mill Rd. and Canoe Point Rd were inspected and discussed.

There are currently eight active volunteer fire fighters and two inactive volunteer fire fighters.

Mr. Brad Neabel, Fire Protection Advisor, Field and Advisory Services/Office of the Fire Marshal from Ministry of the Solicitor General/Ontario Public Service joined via telephone at 7:17 p.m.

A discussion regarding the fire fighter training took place. Mr. Neabel answered questions regarding the mandatory training requirements that are required by July 2026. He suggested that we put a list of questions together in an email to send to him so he can compile some literature to reply with.

Resolution #F2024-24

Moved: Mike Garside Seconded: Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF THE HILTON UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT does accept the proposed draft of the 2024 budget in the amount of \$62, 224.84. *CARRIED*

Resolution #F2024-25

Moved: Janet Gordanier Seconded: Robert Hope

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF THE HILTON UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT recommends to the respective Councils to increase the reserve fund allocation of \$10,000.00 each in 2025. *CARRIED*

Resolution #F2024-26

Moved: Robert Hope Seconded: Mike Garside

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF THE HILTON UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT does suggest to its respective Councils to accept the amended HUFED agreement to include addition of sections 3 and 4 and adjust by-laws to reflect these changes. *CARRIED*

Resolution #F2024-27

Moved: Janet Gordanier

Seconded: Mike Garside

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF THE HILTON UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT does move into closed session at 9:21 p.m. to consider items concerning labour relations or employee negotiations. Further be it Resolved that should the said closed session be adjourned, the Hilton Union Fire Board may reconvene in closed session to discuss the same matters without the need for a further authorizing resolution.

Municipal Act section 239 (2) (d) labour relations or employee negotiations and (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

CARRIED

Resolution #F2024-28

Moved: Janet Gordanier

Seconded: Sarah Brown

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF THE HILTON UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT does return to open session at 10:05 p.m. *CARRIED*

Resolution #F2024-29

Moved: Sarah Brown

Seconded: Robert Hope

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF THE HILTON UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT does agree to conducting interviews for the Volunteer Fire Chief position as discussed in the closed session. We will still accept resumes and the job posting will close on July 10, 2024. *CARRIED*


Resolution #F2024-30

Moved: Mike Garside

Seconded: Janet Gordanier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF THE HILTON UNION FIRE DEPARTMENT does adjourn at 10:15 p.m. and agree to meet again at the Hilton Township Municipal Office on September 9, 2024, or at the call of the Chair or by petition from majority members of the Board. *CARRIED*


Chairperson: Brian Delvecchio


Acting Secretary/Treasurer Sara Dinsdale