

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – MINUTES
FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET MEETING – APRIL 25, 2022

Minutes of the Fire Department budget meeting held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6 p.m. in the O'Connor Council Chambers and virtually.

Present: Mayor Vezina
Councillors: Crane, Handy (virtual), Loan, Racicot
Clerk-Treasurer Buob
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot

Visitors: Henry Mattas, Fire Chief
Greg Biloski, Fire Captain (virtual)

Mayor Vezina called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

1. Moved by Jerry Loan
Seconded by A. Crane

THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING BE APPROVED.

Carried

Mayor Vezina welcomed Fire Chief Mattas to the meeting. The Fire Department draft #1 budget was reviewed. Items were discussed line by line.

The Revenue accounts were briefly discussed. The Canada Community Building Fund has now added fire halls to the list of eligible projects. We have also received \$500.00 from FireSmart to host a Wildland Community Preparedness Day which will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

Under capital expenditures the purchase of three sets of turnout gear was discussed. Also required are fifteen new helmets for the members as the helmets are all outdated according to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

The Fire Chief's honourarium was increased by fifty dollars a month and the Deputy Fire Chief will remain the same. The total member honourarium will remain the same as last year.

Under training, four members of the department will be acquiring their DZ licence this year. There are also four members that will taking the Fire fighter #1 training course, one member taking the Fire fighter Officer course, one member taking Fire fighter #2 and two members taking the instructor course this year.

Chief Mattas continued with each line item for operational and fixed expenses. It was recommended by Council that extra funds be budgeted for meals for fire training nights. Council feel that this will be an incentive to for members to attend the meetings.

Fire Captain Greg Biloski arrived in-person at 6:50 p.m. Council asked if he had any items for the budget. He commented that he would like to see helmets and boots added to the budget for members.

Fire Chief Mattas and Captain Biloski were thanked for presenting the budget.

It was

2. Moved by Bishop Racicot
Seconded by A. Crane

**THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET MEETING ADJOURN TO THE
COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 AT 7:00
P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND VIRTUALLY.**

TIME BEING: 6:57 P.M.

Carried