

Thompson Fire Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 7:15 p.m.
Thompson Fire Engine Company (Thompson Hill)

MINUTES

- PRESENT: Kerstin Forrester, Steve Bodreau, John Sharpe, Hogan Krohn, Mike Rivers, Brett Jacobson – Alternte East.
- Motion to accept the minutes of March 25, 2015 meeting was made by John Sharpe, second by Steve Bodreau, accepted.
- Citizens Comments NONE
- Committee Member Comments:
 - East Thompson has not submitted the list for tax abatement. Must be done immediately. All other departments submitted theirs on time and payments have been made to qualified individuals. ***Unless the list is received before June 15, 2015, no payments can be made for this fiscal year.***
 - Ladder testing at West Thompson on June 6.
- Correspondence:
 - Mike Rivers distributed an email from J. Zele from ISO. Each department needs to reach out to him with response.
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- Reports from each department of what has been done to promote our goal of forming an association:
 - The consensus discussion was that the Chiefs do not have the time to devote to promoting the concept of an Association.
 - Mike Rivers suggested that the departments hire a consultant to do the promotion since none of the chiefs have the time to devote to promoting this to the town residents. Kerstin noted that this should not be done with the funds provided to the departments by the town.
 - Mike will ask for a Word file from the Woodstock Association that he will then forward to each Chief and to Kerstin to review and red-line as they deem necessary to fit Thompson's needs.
 - There was significant discussion on what the Town classifies as Fire Service costs in the Town Budget. Mike Rivers stated that he does not feel that the 911-System expense be included for Department 2202 Fire Departments. (Note from Kerstin as I transcribe this: this service is what activates the need for response from each fire department and I would question how they would know when and where to respond without it. Also, Mike where would you suggest it belongs?) There was also discussion, primarily between Brett Jacobson and Mike Rivers as to liability insurance which the Town covers and therefore the Town's concern when the Departments use Town insured vehicles and personnel for the Speedway.
- Other Business – NONE
- Adjourn:
 - M/S Steve Bodreau/John Sharpe. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectively scribed and submitted,

Kerstin Forrester, Chair