

Mason's Island Fire District BOD Meeting – June 7, 2018

Attending: Jim McAuley, David Krupp, Bill Taylor, Ethan Tower, Greta Jones, John Parry, and Lee Hisle. Rufus Allyn and Director-elect Tom Cooke also attended. Not in attendance: Kristin Foster, Bob Banas and Tax Collector, Lydia Herd. President Jim McAuley called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. A quorum was present.

Clerk's Report: M/S/P approving the minutes from previous meeting, May 3, 2018.

President's Report: There has been one more emergency call, bringing the total for the fiscal year to 20. Jim also noted that the annual meeting went well.

Treasurer's Report: Ethan Tower distributed updated Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual and Balance Sheet reports. He noted that we haven't spent everything yet and that money remained, and more will be spent, in the Mowing, Paving, Gravel Roads and Signs categories. MIFD has \$359,573 of cash on hand. There should be around \$50-55,000 in Net Income at fiscal year-end that will be transferred to the Roads Reserve. There was some discussion of what contribution Connecticut Water will make for finish paving. Rufus Allyn stated that Ct. Water had not put down two courses of paving, but just one. Jim and Rufus will meet with Ct. Water. M/S/P to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Traffic Cameras/License Plate Reader Installation:** Rufus said he would meet with the electrician to see if the recorder for the cameras and reader could be installed in the gatehouse instead of in the Masons Island Company's adjacent rental house. Jim said that Bob Martin of MIPOA had asked Jim to sign the contract for MIFD for the installation. In the following discussion, David Krupp read the statistics for the traffic control officers (TCO's) in May. There were 4,061 cars that came to the gatehouse while the TCO's were on duty, distributed as follows: 54% - MIFD residents; 23% - MIFD visitors; 3% - Yacht Club; and 19% or 870 cars - Enders Island. Note that the Enders figure does not include those attending mass as the TCO's are not on duty Sunday mornings. Some Saturdays there were almost 10% turn-arounds. David will send the data sheet out to the Board members.
2. **Road Excavation Ordinance Implementation:** John Parry will send the documents relating to the Ordinance to Bill Taylor so he can send them on to Tommy Thomason who is working on the MIFD/MIPOA web site. Rufus will let the town employees that work in the roads department know that we have enacted the ordinance and will leave some business cards with them so they can refer contractors to him. The water company and electric company need to be notified. John noted that the town has

snow/winter plowing guidelines. These are not an ordinance, but just guidelines that address things such as repair/replacement of mail boxes damaged by snow plowing. Rufus said he would like to show them to the snow plow company to get their comments. John Parry will follow up on these at the fall MIFD meeting.

3. **Speed Limit Study:** At the annual meeting, a resolution was passed that MIFD should study the speed limit issue and report back at the next annual meeting. Scott Parry has volunteered to be on this committee. John Parry volunteered to chair the committee, and Lee Hisle and Rufus Allyn will also be on it. There was some discussion of again borrowing the town's speed monitor sign that not only shows an approaching car's speed but also records it. It was suggested that we try to put it up for the same period as a few years ago to see if people are speeding more or less. There was some discussion of getting someone from MIPOA to be on the committee. The committee will meet with Cecil Ursprung who was CEO of a traffic safety and traffic equipment company before retiring about 10 years ago.
4. **Car Windshield Stickers for Enders Island:** There was some discussion of the pluses and minuses of providing car stickers for people going to or employed by Enders. Rufus Allyn noted that the employees at Enders generally arrive before and depart after the TCO's are on duty. There was some question as to whether there are any traffic backup issues due to Enders employees or visitors. Although no motions were made or passed, the consensus was that individuals with cars registered at Enders Island would be entitled to and provided with stickers. The suggestion that Enders provide their own stickers was rejected.

New Business: None

MIFD Meeting Calendar:

Jim said he would send out a meeting schedule for the next fiscal year. There was agreement that we keep the same date and time. The next meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2018, 5:30 pm at 18 Money Point Road.

Meeting Adjourned – 6:12 pm

Respectfully submitted
Bill Taylor