

**MERIGOMISH & DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT
P.O. BOX 75, MERIGOMISH, N.S. B0K1G0**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING: February 21, 2011

NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE: 18 Members Present

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

- Approved by : Paul Atta
- Seconded by : Melissa Castonguay
- Objections: Nil, Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

Election of new treasury – Havelock Bingley

Social Club dissolved and funds credited to the general account.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's Financial Statements attached.

The current bank balance is \$ 155,065.74.

It is the intention of the Department to pay \$ 85,000 plus tax in cash for the purchase of the pumper chassis when it is delivered.

Accounts Payable:

All current.

Accounts Receivable:

Demonts Dump Fire, (Commerical Fire). Invoice submitted for the third and final time. Amount Outstanding, billing \$ 70,000. Multi-Department with Barney's River.

Fire Departments may be moving to legal action by Small Claims Court, max \$ 25,000 or other means.

- Approved by : Paul Schurr
- Seconded by : Melissa Castonguay
- Objections: Nil, Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

See above.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

The year of 2011 was a very busy one for the Merigomish & District Fire Department.

Please see the attached Chief's Report.

- Approved by : Paul Schurr
- Seconded by : Paul Atta
- Objections: Nil, Motion carried.
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Robert Castonguay held a discussion on several topic's including the new fire truck. Please see new business.

- Approved by : Paul Schurr
- Seconded by : Melissa Castonguay
- Objections: Nil, Motion carried.
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OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS: (ie. Truck committee, lobster supper etc.)

Ladies Auxiliary:

The Ladies Auxiliary continue to be responsible for all bookings of events at the fire hall. Please contact Mary Fraser at 926 – 2068.

Over the past year the Ladies Auxiliary, members (11) have had a busy year.

See attached for full report.

District One Action Committee:

A appreciation Dinner will be held for the Merigomish & District Fire Department, Barneys River Fire Departments and the Ladies Auxiliary.

The date will be Saturday, April 9, 2011 and held at the Lismore Hall.

Attendance is expected to be approx. 130 people.

Rink : The rink behind the Fire Hall is be fully utilized given the weather conditions.

Would like to express thanks to the volunteer fire dept and special thanks to Philip Magee and Dave O'connor for all there assistance and good work in helping.

The kids are using the rink and all are having fun.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations and Elections:

From the floor: Paul Atta - President.

Bi law changes 2 year terms:

- Approved by : Paul Schurr
- Seconded by : Dave O'Connor
- Motion to cease: Roy MacDonald and Melissa Castonguay

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

- Approved by : James Sullivan
- Seconded by : Melissa Castonguay
- Objections: Nil, Motion carried.

- Approved by : Paul Schnurr
- Seconded by : Dave O'Connor.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD: MONDAY, March 14, 2011.

MERIGOMISH AND DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bank Reconciliation

For Year Ending January 15, 2011

Bank Balance January 18, 2010	85,807.26
Plus Total Revenue	162,034.17
Less Total Expenses	-92,775.69

Bank Balance Ending Jan 18, 2011	\$155,065.74
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MERIGOMISH AND DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF REVENUE

For Year Ending January 15, 2011

Government

Pictou County	80,103.65
Antigonish County	9,442.00
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Total Government Revenue	\$89,545.65

Fundraising

Sale 911 Signs	338.00
Other	14,389.11
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Total Fundraising Revenue	\$14,727.11

Other Revenue

HST Refund	2,210.00
Donations	7,500.00
Other Income	48,051.41
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Total Other Revenue	\$57,761.41

Total Revenue For the Year	\$162,034.17
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MERIGOMISH AND DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

For Year Ending January 15, 2011

	Actual
Advertising and Promotions	579.00
Bank Charges	300.04
Dues & Membership	1,085.00
Insurance (Building & Vehicles)	9,964.00
Interest on Long Term Debt	1,726.07
Train Derailment Expense	8,995.39
Long Term Debt Principal Payments	30,986.70
Miscellaneous (includes accounting fees)	3,060.47
Office, Postage and PO Box	810.79
Equipment Expense (includes communications)	11,840.58
Entertainment	1,386.73
Fundraising (includes payout to benefit recipient)	5,123.27
Children's Christmas Party	226.09
Repair and Maintenance (includes snow removal)	4,387.36
Telephone	622.50
Training	1,940.04
Travel	10.00
Utilities (NS Power and Superior Propane)	5,967.41
Vehicles	3,764.25
	\$92,775.69

MERIGOMISH AND DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES

For Year Ending January 15, 2011

	2010 – 2011 Actual	2011-2012 Budget
Advertising and Promotions	579.00	500.00
Bank Charges	300.04	350.00
Dues & Membership	1,085.00	1,100.00
Insurance (Building & Vehicles)	9,964.00	10,000.00
Interest on Long Term Debt	1,726.07	5,000.00
Train Derailment Expense	8,995.39	.00
Long Term Debt Principal Payments	30,986.70	40,000.00 *****
Miscellaneous (includes accounting fees)	3,060.47	4,000.00
Office, Postage and PO Box	810.79	900.00
Equipment Expense (includes communications)	11,840.58	10,000.00
Entertainment	1,386.73	
Fundraising (includes payout to benefit recepient)	5,123.27	3,000.00
Children's Christmas Party	226.09	250.00
Repair and Maintenance (includes snow removal)	4,387.36	5,000.00
Telephone	622.50	700.00
Training	1,940.04	2,000.00
Travel	10.00	
Utilities (NS Power and Superior Propane)	5,967.41	6,500.00
Vehicles	3,764.25	4,000.00
	\$92,775.69	\$93,300.00

**** It is the intention of the Department to pay \$85,000.00 (eighty five thousand Dollars) plus tax in cash for the purchase of the pumper chassis and to borrow the balance of Approximately \$170,000.00 (one hundred seventy thousand dollars) plus taxes.

Payments for this borrowing will be funded by the funds set aside above under Long Term Debt Principal Payments.

Chief Report

February 21, 2011

The year of 2011 was a very busy one for the Merigomish Fire Department. We had a total of 40 call throughout the year, which surprisingly is not the busiest year we have ever had. The nature of the calls was made this a very busy years. A number of our calls were weeklong in duration, some involved complex situations like MVA's with Hazardous Materials, and we had a number of calls involving fatalities that takes its toll on moral.

Our breakdown for calls is as follows:

Smoke/Flue Fires 6

False Alarms 8

Structure Fires 6

Wildland Fires 3

Medical Calls 1

Car/Truck Fires 2

Debris Fires 3

Train Derailment 1

Power Poles 1

Normally I would breakdown the amount of time spent on calls, but with the size of these calls, so many people worked behind the scenes, that an estimate would not likely be accurate.

Also not accurate would be a list personally thanking everyone who gave of their time to make our operations a success, so let me just say thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary, and the women and men of the community who volunteered their time to help and support us. Thanks also for the personal help and encouragement given to our fire fighters by people. A kind word, help getting a project completed, or a coffee out of the blue may seem like a small thing, but can mean a lot to an individual.

Thanks to the families of the fire fighters who have also sacrificed so that a loved one can serve others.

Thanks to Councillor McVicar who has worked hard on behalf of the District 1 Fire Departments.

Thanks to the firefighters who gave so much this summer, there efforts and commitment are known across the province, and I am proud to talk about what they did this year.

I would like to take this time to single out one firefighter, Donnie Miller. Donnie took on the very difficult job of Logistics during the train derailment, and gave 110% to make sure that crews were fed and watered. It is not easy for a firefighter to be separate from the action, but Donnie did an A1 job.

Thanks to Heather and Mary for all the long days put in to feed crews during the Train Derailment.

Training has been greatly attended, and I am glad that younger members have been attending courses to better prepare to be officers.

Over the next year, we look forward to purchasing a new pumper which is now ordered, and a delivery date is to be given when the chassis arrives.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul Schnurr".

Paul Schnurr,
Chief, Merigomish Fire Department

LADIES AUXILIARY

Over the past year the Ladies' Aux. members (11) have had a fairly busy year. Some of the events that we have helped with or hosted are:

Assisted the Firemen with their Annual Lobster Supper in May

Helped make meals and staff the kitchen during the train derailment at Avondale

Catered to a dinner in June for the Pic. Co. Health Authority

Held a very successful Steak B'BQ in July (thank you to the firemen for their help for this event and we hope to make it an annual event)

Hosted the Pic. Co. Lad. Aux. annual bowling tournament in Sept. followed by a Steak Supper, (again thank you to the firemen who helped us with this B'BQ, etc.)

Made a donation to the United Church Christmas Tree Lightning in memory of departed Aux. members

Had dishwasher repaired, approx. \$1350.00

Catered to a Christmas Dinner for the workers at the Glen Dhu Windmill Project

Ending the year with a donation to the Merigomish & District Fire Dept. of \$7000.00

Sold tickets on a Valentines' Day Basket and a Lottery Ticket Draw, (2 very successful projects for the Aux.)

At the moment we are planning a Fall Fling to be held at the Fire Hall on Oct. 1, 2011, more details to follow as we get closer to the date.

