

ORDINANCE # 03

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF COCHRANE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Section 1.

Any person desiring to become a member of this company must sign a petition giving his age and occupation and be recommended by a member of this company, and such petition shall be received and referred to the investigating committee who shall report on the same at the next regular meeting of the company, when the candidate shall be balloted for with written ballots, and if three (3) ballots shall appear against receiving him he shall be declared rejected. No reconsideration of an unfavorable ballot shall be made with six (6) months.

Section 2.

It shall be the duty of all persons elected members of the company to sign the list of membership and by-laws.

Section 3.

Any members accepting an appointment on a committee who shall neglect to attend to the duties required shall be fined twenty-five cents, and on refusal to pay such fine, charges shall be preferred against him by the secretary and if sustained shall be expelled by the company.

Section 4.

It shall be the duty of every member of this company on the alarm of fire to repair with all possible haste to their respective positions or stations. The first member at the engine house is to have command of the company until the arrival of the foreman and his assistants and his orders must be obeyed under the same penalty as though coming from one of the officers. It shall be the duty of all members to attend all regular and special meetings and a non-attendance at roll call of four (4) successive meetings shall be deemed cause for charge to be preferred against said member. If charge be sustained the member shall be expelled.

Section 5.

A roll call must be had after each drill or practice and active duty by the foreman of each division and any member not answering to the call shall be fined the sum of ten cents (10c).

Section 6.

Sickness of a member or in his family, attendance at court as a witness or otherwise, or absence from the town shall be sufficient excuse for not being in attendance at fire meeting.

Section 7.

It shall be the duty of any member wishing to speak on any subject to first arise and address the chair. Any member absent from a regular meeting shall be fined five cents (5c) for each roll call unless he presents a reasonable excuse for his absence. The secretary is exempt from addressing the chair when speaking about the books.

Section 8.

It shall be the duty of all officers to deliver to their successor in office all moneys, books, papers, etc., in their hands belonging to the company.

Section 9.

Seven (7) members shall constitute a quorum to do business at any regular or special meeting of the company.

Section 10.

Election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting on the first Saturday in January of each year; such election shall be by ballot and shall be determined by majority of all the votes cast, and all officers so elected shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 11.

If a vacancy occurs among the officers of this company it shall be filled at the next regular meeting after the vacancy occurs.

Section 12.

The regular meeting of the company shall be held on the first Saturday of each month at the hour of 8:00 pm.

Section 13.

When a member wishes to resign he shall be privileged to do so by paying all fines and dues to the company.

Section 14.

No member of this company shall be expelled, fined or suspended without having charges preferred against him in writing by a member of the company and charges be sustained on trial before the company by two-thirds vote of the members present. The vote shall be by ballot.

Section 15.

The board of trustees shall have the powers conferred by statute upon them in addition shall be the only legal officers, committees or members duly authorized to bind the company in a business contract, all bills, claims or accounts due to or owing by the company shall be audited by them and on the order of recommendation of the board of trustees be paid. The board of trustees shall meet at such time as the majority shall deem it necessary, and five of whom shall have power to transact business.

Section 16.

The Constitution and By-Laws shall be in force and take effect on and after their adoption. These rules may be suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Section 17.

Order of business.

1. Roll Call
2. Reading of minutes of last meeting and adoption of same
3. Unfinished business
4. Report of officers
5. Report of committees
6. Election of officers
7. Propositions for member-ship and election of members
8. Hearing excuses of delinquents and payment of fines
9. New business
10. Second roll call
11. Motion to adjourn.

Section 18.

It shall be the duty of every member of this company except the President and Chief on the alarm of fire to immediately proceed with all expedition to their respective places and stations as assigned by the Chief and assist in their various divisions in getting the hose and hook and ladder apparatus to the fire or place of discipline or drill. All violations of this rule or non-observance of its provisions shall subject members to a fine of twenty-five cents (25c) and willful disobedience of the orders and directions of the Chief and other officers in command shall entail on the member or members willfully disobedient a fine of one dollar (\$1.00).

Section 19.

Bell signals, for fire; rapidly striking the hammer. For meetings: discipline or drill; slowly striking the hammer.

Section 20.

The Chief Elect, shall annually designate three (3) members of the company as fire marshals and submit their names with his recommendation for the appointment to the village board as fire marshals in and for said village to act under the direction of the officers of the Cochrane Fire Company.

Section 21.

The Chief shall be provided with a horn. One blast of the horn shall be an order to turn on the water, two blasts shall be an order to turn off the water, three blasts shall signify danger.

Section 22.

Any person not a member of the Cochrane Fire Company found violating any of the rules of this ordinance interfering with the said fire company when at work or engaged in discipline of drill, taking possession of any of the property or apparatus of the said company without permission of the officers, meddling with the bell or in any way annoying or disturbing said company, its property or discipline, shall be subject to prosecution and fines as committing a misdemeanor; such fine not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.) for each offense and the cost of action.

Section 23.

These By-Laws shall take effect and be enforced, and all other By-Laws or parts of By-Laws in conflict with these by-laws repealed, after the adoption and passage by the village board of these by-laws, and after their being signed by the President of the village of Cochrane and countersigned by the village clerk of said village.

Committee on By-Laws.

Adopted Jan. 7, 1913

G.M. Rohrer
Village President

F. Mieli
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Countersigned by
A.E. Guettinger
Village Clerk