

BIG MOUNTAIN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 8:02 AM

ROLL CALL: Steve Snellen, Glenn Nye, Jay Johnston (via phone), Paul Silverman, Paul Okerberg

GUEST: Myra Appel (CPA)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Paul Silverman made a motion to approve the August 26, 2015 minutes. Paul Okerberg seconded it and it was passed.

FIREFIGHTER'S REPORT: Ben DeVall

- There was an in-service training with a Zoll representative for the new heart monitor. Items needed for the monitor (that did not come from the grant) have been ordered.
- BMFD has been providing mutual aid ambulance runs in Whitefish when needed.
- The brakes on 2021 were fixed and had to be worked on by an outside vendor.
- The tank to pump valve on 2032 was not working. There was a break in the wire and Chief DeVall rewired it and cleaned the points inside the switch.
- There was a small fire at the Base Lodge caused by burning frayed edges of zip line harnesses. The sprinkler system did go off and part of the building flooded. Since then, there have been many false alarms and WSI has been struggling to fix the alarm system.
- The fire alarm at the Summit House has also been having many issues and sending false alarms.
- WSI CEO Dan Graves contacted BMFD about bonfires in the parking lots and asked that we put them out if we are called or see any.
- There has not been any real response or action from WSI on a proposed thinning project proposed by Paul Okerberg for thickly wooded land owned by WSI adjacent to Sunrise Ridge homes. Grant money for the project ends next year.
- Still no word on the FEMA grant.
- Brodie has been working with Verizon so BMFD has the ability to transmit EKGs with our new heart monitor.
- Billing is up to date.
- The open firefighter position closes on 10/11/15. So far there are three applicants.
- Myra, Jay and Chief DeVall met and discussed different financial procedures.
- The employee manual needs some revisions and updating and Chief DeVall is working on those items.

- The BMFD Policy Manual/SOG has been given to another senior firefighter that has 40 years experience to review and comment.
- BMFD has been contacted by the State of Montana and are now required to have a CLIA license to check glucose levels. It costs \$150 and lasts two years.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was reviewed. Paul Okerberg made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Glenn Nye seconded it. Motion was approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Union Contract – Glenn, Steve and Ben to discuss. FURS has been determined as not fiscally possible as an option for contract negotiations based on financial projections. Also, Chief Devall requested to not have access to the Fire Board e-mail portal.

Fire Wise Update - No action from WSI on Thinning project proposal.

NEW BUSINESS: Employee overtime procedure is to be reviewed.

After Ed Burlingame's review of BMFD Policy/SOG Manual, Jay Johnston will discuss firefighter wage and labor issues with the County Attorney for their legal opinion.

CHECK SIGNING:

Jay Johnston and Paul Silverman to work out check signing schedule.

NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for November 9, 2015 at 8:00 AM.

ADJOURNED: Glenn Nye made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 AM and Paul Okerberg seconded it. Meeting was adjourned and next board meeting scheduled for November 9, 2015.