

BIG MOUNTAIN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

March 29, 2016

CALL TO ORDER: 8:01 AM

ROLL CALL: Steve Snellen, Glenn Nye, Jay Johnston, Paul Silverman, Paul Okerberg

GUEST: Myra Appel (CPA), Chief Ben Devall, Larry Heimyl – President Big Mtn. HOA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Glenn Nye made a motion to approve the February 2, 2016 minutes. Paul Silverman seconded it and it was passed.

FIREFIGHTER'S REPORT: Ben Devall

- All staff are current on their EMS recertification.
- The water pump on the ambulance quit working but has been fixed. Whitefish Fire Department lent us an ambulance for the day while repairs were made.
- The fire house vent system is scheduled for installation soon. (Started while board meeting was being concluded)
- Chief Devall has been in contact with Jolene on some billing issues and she sent out a memo on pricing for BMFD services. She also now has the ability to file liens on our behalf if requested, but only in Flathead County.
- The LifePak monitor was sent to Zoll. This was part of the Mission Lifeline grant agreement and it was thought BMFD could keep it as a backup but they wanted it returned.
- BMFD has transported 50 patients to the hospital thus far this ski season.
- Engine 2031 got stuck in the snow on a call at the Base Lodge and a tow truck was needed to pull it out. Insurance paid for the tow truck.
- Rick Moore with DNRC was contacted about the possible thinning project next to Sunrise Ridge. Moore will do a walkthrough of the area with Bill Swope, Steve Penner and others when the snow melts.
- The Whitefish Area Fire Safe Council is putting together an Awareness day May 7th regarding defensible space.
- Brodie and Chief Devall will be attending the EMS Summit conference in Idaho in April. The county incident management team is hosting the state conference at the end of April. There will be over a hundred attendees and Congressman Ryan Zinke is scheduled as the keynote speaker. The conference will be conducted over three days.
- Chief Devall attended an incident management workshop March 22-23 in Kalispell. There were County, DNRC, Forest Service and Glacier Park representatives in

attendance. Discussions included how all the various entities could coordinate in the event of a large scale fire/emergency incident.

- The DEA license was renewed. This allows BMFD to purchase narcotics. The DEA no longer allows ambulance services to be licensed and now have to be under the County medical director. Since the medical director is not a governmental employee, the DEA fee is now \$750 for two years.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made and was seconded. The motion was passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Larry Heimyl, President of Big Mountain HOA asked the Board questions pertaining to (a) testing and maintenance of fire hydrants; (b) keeping them clear of snow; (c) evacuation route in case of an emergency; and (d) fireworks.

OLD BUSINESS:

Status of Union Contract – A meeting with the Union was held on February 7th at 1:00 PM.

Jay Johnston made a motion to approve the amended budget and Paul Okerberg seconded it. The motion was passed.

Paul Okerberg made a motion to transfer \$10,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund, Jay seconded it and the motion was passed.

Paul Okerberg made a motion to raise BMFD service rates 10% to better compare with other ambulance fees throughout the County and Glenn Nye seconded it. The motion was passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Board Officers

Review of tentative union contract

Summary of Fire Safe/Fire Wise meeting held May 7 in Whitefish.

NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for May 10, 2016 at 8:00 AM.

ADJOURNED: Paul Silverman made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 AM and Steve Snellen seconded it. Meeting was adjourned.