

BIG MOUNTAIN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

January 23, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 8:04 AM

ROLL CALL: Steve Snellen, Paul Silverman, Jay Johnston, Glenn Nye, Paul Okerberg. Not present
– CPA Myra Appel

GUEST: Chief Ben Devall, Firefighter/EMT Ken Wise, Brodie Verworn, Sal Baccaro

APPROVAL OF MUNUTES: A motion was made to approve the December 7, 2016 minutes by Glenn Nye. Motion was seconded by Jay Johnston and was passed.

FIREFIGHTER'S REPORT: Ben Devall

- Brodie and Chief Devall installed the tracks on the Argo after there were issues in getting the dealer to install them.
- Kevin and Cameron built a prop for fire training and it is being utilized for training scenarios.
- Staff have been working on updating the emergency pre-plans for the larger buildings in the District.
- Ken Wise attended the County EMT refresher.
- BMFD has been providing mutual aid in town more than in prior years.
- Chester Powell, WMR Director of Mountain Operations and Chief Devall met and he was shown the Argo emergency response vehicle.
- All BMFD staff are trained on the Lucas CPR machine and it is in service. Brodie is a trainer and certified all staff. There is a plan to meet with WMR Ski Patrol to see if it might work in a toboggan.
- Brodie just re-certified Cameron and Kevin in CPR.
- The drains were plugged in the floor in the bay. Brodie and Chief Devall spent 4 hours unplugging them.
- Chief Devall is still working on closing out the AFG grant. All items have been ordered and we are just waiting on the delivery so payment can be requested.
- Four members of BMFD staff attended Ben Parson's funeral. Kevin and Cameron were on shift and covered the district.

- Sal and Chief Devall attended Tom Kennelly's retirement party.
- The job opening is posted. There are three applicants so far and applications have been sent to four others, who have not received them yet. Applications will be accepted until the end of this month and the process has started to contact references for the applicants.
- Ken is now the local union rep for BMFD.
- Chief Devall is planning on having lunch with Jolene to talk billing in the near future.
- Chief Devall met with Blain Cowan, a rep from the MT State Fireman Assoc. By joining FURS, BMFD is now automatically eligible for a state life insurance plan. There is no cost to the district. It costs 1% for \$100,000 for death and another \$100,000 for accidental death. \$25,000 if your spouse or child dies, paid to you.
- Brodie and Sal were responding for mutual aid and 2032 developed mechanical issues. They were able to get it back to the hall and then towed to ERS. The preliminary information is the total transmission unit has failed and will need to be replaced. Preliminary cost estimate is repairs should not exceed \$10,000.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Jay Johnston provided a status report on BMFD finances in lieu of CPA Myra Appel's absence. All financial reports were reviewed and nothing of note to report.

A motion was made by Jay Johnston to approve the repair the transmission of Engine 2032; not to exceed \$12,000; the motion was seconded by Paul Silverman and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

EMPLOYEE COMMENT:

Newly appointed BMFD union rep Ken Wise will initiate discussion with Whitefish Fire Department, et al on a PRN Firefighter/EMT list as BMFD is currently understaffed and will have difficulty keeping full staff when vacation, sickness occur. Comments were made that due to BMFD not paying as much for shift work, there may not be much interest from Whitefish Fire Department to work PRN at BMFD. Chief Devall voiced his concern that there also should be coordination with Union policy with respect to hiring PRN, temporary employees should they not be union members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Further progress and discussion is being made on the contract with the Chief. The next board meeting will include a vote for the new contract for the Chief position.

Further review will be done with respect to either purchasing a water tank and hose for the Argo emergency response vehicle or possibly buying the components and BMFD fabricating/installing a functional system.

Further review and work is to be done on initiating a PRN – (as needed) list of firefighter/EMTs.

Big Mountain HOA is very pleased with the Fire Wise work they initiated this past fall and it is unknown whether there will be any other areas that will be considered for similar thinning in the District.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEXT MEETING: Scheduled for March 20, 2017 at 8:00 AM.

ADJOURNED: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:59 AM. Meeting was adjourned.