

Bigfork Fire District Trustee Meeting

July 30th, 2019

Trustees: Dan Elwell, Robert Borges, Andrew Sliter, Gary Wilson

Guests: Chief-Mark Thiry, Cindy Norred, Jeremy Patton, Tracey Gembala,

Joseph Bakker, Mike York, Rodney Schmidt

1. **Call Meeting to Order 17:33.**

2. **General Public Comment:**

Rodney Schmidt, EMT-P Part-time employee of the district who interviewed for a full-time position, wanted to know what the selection process was. He had concerns about a question he was asked in the interview and the qualifications of the employees that were selected.

Tracey Gembala requested to meet with the board in closed session. Elwell stated that she must follow the Policy Grievance procedure. Gembala stated that she did not feel comfortable turning in a complaint to the Chief. Elwell stated that she must follow the policy and there would be no retaliation.

No other comments

3. **Review/Approval of meeting minutes June 25th & July 16th, 2019:** A motion was made to approve July 16th & 25th, 2019 meeting minutes. Sliter (1st), Borges (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.
4. **Review/Approval of Purchase Orders: PO # 7899:** A motion was made to approve PO #7899 as presented. Sliter (1st), Borges (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.
5. **Review/Approval of Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid:** A motion was made to approve Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid. Wilson (1st), Borges (2nd) all in favor, none opposed
6. **Fire Chief Report* See attached Report**
7. **Apparatus Committee Report:** Committee had met, ready for specs to be sent in to the two manufactures for proposals. Diesel engine is on specs. The district is not eligible for any grants per the Chief.
8. **Convene into closed session pursuant to MCA 2-3-203 (3)** 17:54 went to Close Session
9. **Convene back into open session:** 18:22 back to open session.

10. Old Business

- A. **Bigfork Hall Lot Paving Update – Estimates:** LHC gave one estimate. Elwell suggested talking to bank about closing off access from fire dept and will try to get 2 more estimates.
- B. **FY20 Preliminary Budget Submitted to FC:** See Budget attached and submitted to the flathead county. Final budget approval will be August 27th, 2019.

11. New Business

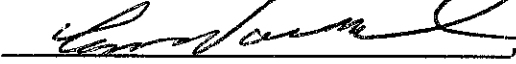
- A. **Formation of Board subcommittee for Land Acquisition & Building:** Wilson suggested creating a subcommittee. Wilson will head up committee and Borges volunteered as well. Sliter (1st), Borges (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.
- B. **Approval to issue Ambulance RFPs:** A motion was made to approve specs that committee had come up with Borges (1st), Wilson (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.
- C. **Accept resignation of Dick Sine:** A motion was made to approve resignation of Dick Sine. Borges (1st), Sliter (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.
- D. **Hire Volunteer John Stafford:** A motion was made to approve to hire John Stafford as a volunteer. Sliter (1st), Borges (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.

12. **General Public Comment:** In 1980 property was sold to Fire Department from Flathead Bank.

13. **Motion to Adjourn:** Borges (1st), Sliter(2nd) all in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 18:41.

Minutes Approved:

 , Chairman-Dan Elwell
 , Recorder-Cindy Norred/Jeremy Patton