

Bigfork Fire District Trustee

October 29th, 2019

Trustees: Dan Elwell, Andrew Sliter, Gary Wilson, Seth Price

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

Peach Graeff, Gary Graeff, Joseph Bakker, Jordan Lynch

1. **Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** 17:30
2. **General Public Comment:** None
3. **Review/Approval of meeting minutes September 25th, 2019 & October 16th, 2019:**
A motion was made to approve September 25th, 2019 & October 16th, 2019 meeting minutes. Wilson(1st), Elwell (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.
4. **Review/Approval of Purchase Orders:** None presented.
5. **Review/Approval of Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid:** Wilson had questions on FUND#7254 what is, if held at the county. It was explained that it is the district CIP fund that is held at the county. A motion was made to approve Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid. Price (1st), Wilson (2nd) all in favor, none opposed
6. **Fire Chief Report*** See attached Report
Sliter attended meeting at 17:36.
7. **Apparatus Committee Report:** Have only received the one bid on ambulance. Discussion on needing other bids. Tabled till further.
8. **Land & building Committee Report:** They have looked at the property 5/6 acres, it does not have approach from the State. Initially they are stating no approach to access from 35. Discussion on needing to fight, should have an approach from Hwy 35. We are an emergency service and Chapman is not maintained 24/7 like Hwy 35. Will look to have something by next meeting. Wilson and Price will get together and talk to state. Discussion on needing to go ahead and securing property even before state gives a final answer. Needs to be placed on agenda as an action item for next meeting for a decision.

9. **Old Business**

- A. **Ambulance replacement direction:** Further direction is need per Chief
Need to double check on the legalities of purchasing. A motion to
acknowledge the bid received and examined last meeting, request the staff
to pick an additional alternative to request bids from. Sliter (1st), Price (2nd),
all in favor, none opposed

10. **New Business**

- A. **Montana State Fund Dividend Notice:** District received a dividend back from
premiums for low claims for approx. \$10,000.00 and some change.
- B. **Review/Revise Policy 110.5:** This policy is on certifications and licensure,
wording and language are vague, only address EMS but needs to cover other
things in the department. Chief agrees it needs some fire requirements,
need to broaden the scope and clean up language. Chief will look at and
come up with some revisions for next meeting.
- C. **Review/Policy 110.01 Repeal SOGs 335.01 & 335.02:** This Policy replaces the
two SOGs, does need some revision, language cleaned up. Chief will look at
and bring to next meeting. Chief explained that there had been some
confusion on Policy vs. SOGs. They are not the same, SOGs allows deviation
and policy cannot. There are some revisions that need to be done in 110.01,
some fine line definitions and language clean up. Chief will look at and come
back with revisions.
- D. **Department LOGO/Patch revision:** Current patch has some items that the
department no longer does, like the dive etc. *See attached sketch of patch
presented to board with a couple of options. Price wanted to make sure the
art/logos aren't from someone's else. Do not want problems with someone's
else's work. Joseph Bakker drew it from scratch, did use some free licensing
website on some part to sketch from. Board would like to have some
samples made up, clean up some of the fine details, capable for threading.
A motion was made for approval to continue to investigate logo change as
appropriate. Sliter (1st), Price (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.

11. **Convene into closed session pursuant to MCA 2-3-203 (3)** 18:04 went to Close
Session.

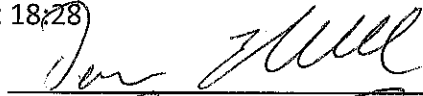
12. **Convene back into open session:** 18:25 back to open session.

13. **General Public Comment:** Peach and Gary wanted to note that they are here to
help with the land. Discussion on surveying needing to be done and moving
forward with purchase.

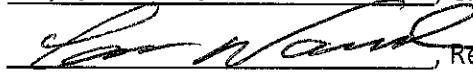
14. Motion to Adjourn: Wilson (1st) Sliter (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 18:28

Minutes Approved:



Chairman-Dan Elwell



Recorder-Cindy Norred