

**Bigfork Fire District Trustee**

**December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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

**Absent Trustees: Seth Price**

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

**Jeremy Patton, Peach & Gary Graeff, Stephanie Breck**

1. **Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:** 17:30
2. **General Public Comment:** Peach wanted to Thank all that responded to the windstorm emergency.
3. **Review/Approval of meeting minutes November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019:**  
A motion was made to approve November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes. Wilson (1<sup>st</sup>), Borges (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed.
4. **Review/Approval of Purchase Orders:** None were presented
5. **Review/Approval of Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid:**  
No P/L or Balance sheets presented; Flathead County has not sent out notices for accounts to reconcile.  
A motion was made to approve vendor list paid. Borges (1<sup>st</sup>), Wilson (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed
6. **Fire Chief Report\*** See attached Report
7. **Apparatus Committee Report:** Will be opening bids on New Business item B. Next meeting should have a decision on ambulance.
8. **Land & building Committee Report:** Dan Elwell has talked with Pierce and the 5/6 acres was not working. There is a establish property line already, which is 8.5 acres. \$29,000.00 an acre. Will be in the process of surveying soon. Maybe by January 31<sup>st</sup> will have a purchase agreement.

9. **Convene into closed session pursuant to MCA 2-3-203 (3)** 17:39 went to Close Session.

10. **Convene back into open session:** 19:18 back to open session.

11. **Old Business**

A. **Land purchase for new station:** Waiting on by sell, surveying.

A motion was made to proceed with the land purchase as described by Dan roughly 8.5 acres to be surveyed final contract is still pending for approximately \$250,000.00 to include preliminary terms on installment sale. Sliter (1<sup>st</sup>), Borges (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed.

B. **LOGO/Patch upgrade:** Sweatshirt sample of patch was presented. Going to wait till they have a sample from Joseph Bakker.

A motion was made to table till next meeting. Sliter (1<sup>st</sup>), Borges (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed.

C. **Revise Policy 110.01-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Policy was presented (attached)-See Green Sheet presented from Chief (attached). Policy was reviewed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. Board wants to stick with the 24hrs and keep it to state Shall on the 24hrs.

D. **Revise Policy 110.05-2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Policy as presented (attached)-See Green Sheet presented from Chief(attached), was reviewed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

E. **Cancellation of Chief's out of State training.**

District is sending members for fire training, Chief has concerns with money. Board agreed to still have the Chief go to the training.

12. **New Business**

A. **Legal Survey Echo Lake Station Property:** A tree fell on a house and another tree possible issue. Unsure of the property lines. Need to have some work done. Borges tried to locate property pins with a metal detector and found lots of wire. Property lines need to be reestablished. Was surveyed in 1971. A motion was made to hire a surveyor to go out and find the pins or reestablish the pins Wilson (1<sup>st</sup>), Borges (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed.

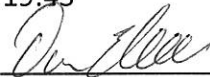
B. **Ambulance Bid Openings:** Braun Northwest bid was opened, and total read out load at \$250,850.00. Horton Emergency Vehicles-Professional Sales and Service, L.C. bid was opened, and total read out load at \$237,813.00. Apgar Ambulance bid was opened, and total read out load at \$198,555.40, \$235,700.00, \$241,725.00. Borges explained that Polson Rural is interested buying old ambulance. Discussion on Trade In for ambulance, Horton is \$10,000.00 trade in, and Apgar is offering \$12,000.00. Committee will meet and come back with decision for next meeting.

13. **General Public Comment:** Peach wanted to thank the Trustee for the cooker and great meat Saturday night.

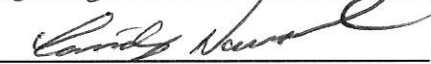
14. **Motion to Adjourn:** Borges (1<sup>st</sup>) Wilson(2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 19:43

Minutes Approved:



Chairman-Dan Elwell



Recorder-Cindy Norred