

# **BIGFORK FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE**

**June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**5:30pm**

This meeting was conducted via ZOOM. The public was able to join this meeting at the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88425620578>

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

**Guests:** Chief-Mark Thiry, Jeremy Patton, Cindy Norred, Jackson Corne, Fletcher Anderson

**Guests on via Zoom:**

This meeting was recorded.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** 17:30
2. **General Public Comment:** None
3. **Review/Approval of meeting minutes May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020:** No comment  
A motion to approve May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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:** Wilson questioned the insurance for Payne West, for 6 months or whole year, it was explained it was yearly for insurance for liability, auto, land was added.  
A motion to approve financial statements and bills paid: Price (1<sup>st</sup>), Sliter (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed.
6. **Reports-update:** Report was given that there was only one incident past the 24hrs, and it was a fire alarm, not a billable incident. Had a total of 83 total, 27 billable for June, it was a great improvement.
7. **Fire Chief Report:** See attached report, Hydrant testing questions on clearing around them per the agreement.
8. **Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to MCA 2-3-203 (3):** *Went into closed session at 18:10*

9. **Reconvene into Open Session:** Back from closed session, opened session at 18:37.

10. **Old Business**

- A. **Status of Approaches for New Building to Hwy 35 - Update:** No update on approach to the land. Board agreed that they needed to start a committee for further plans. Borges and Price will start discussions. Elwell will handle dealing with approach.

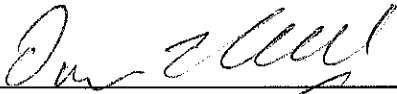
11. **New Business**

- A. **Any item from Close Session if necessary:** Board agreed to increase all EMT's one dollar/hour in closed session. A motion to increase EMT's \$1.00/hr. effective next pay period. Sliter (1<sup>st</sup>), Price (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed
- B. **Accept resignations of JS, MH:**  
A motion to accept resignations of JS & MH: Price (1<sup>st</sup>), Borges (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed.
- C. **Approve hiring of part-time FF/EMTs AK, JT pending screening results.** Both have firefighter 1 and all legal, medical licenses.  
A motion to approve hiring part-time AK, JT pending screening results: Price (1<sup>st</sup>), Borges (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed
- D. **Health Insurance Continuation after Sick Leave Exhaustion:** Board had discussion on having Cobra, the board would like the insurance guy to come, to discuss further. No decision was made. A motion to table: Borges (1<sup>st</sup>), Sliter (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed
- E. **Consider Amending Policy 210.01.4 Wildland boot reimbursement:**  
A motion to leave policy as is: Price (1<sup>st</sup>), Wilson (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed

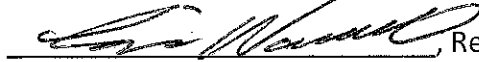
- F. FY21 Preliminary Budgets Approval:** A motion to approve FY21 Preliminary Budget as presented, with reconciliation and outstanding warrants as of June 30<sup>th</sup> to be inserted when done, if over the 33% allowable cash threshold, increase CIP to keep under the 33% and submit to Flathead County before or on July 24<sup>th</sup> 2020: Price (1<sup>st</sup>), Wilson (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed.
- G. Date for Final FY21 Budget Approval to be August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**  
A motion to approve final FY21 Budget date to be August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020: Price (1<sup>st</sup>), Borges (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed
- H. Reorganization of Fire District Board.** Tabled until after close session at 18:10.  
A motion to keep board as is: Borges (1<sup>st</sup>), Price (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed
- I. General Public Comment:** None
- J. Motion to Adjourn:** Price (1<sup>st</sup>), Borges (2<sup>nd</sup>) all in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned: 18:39

Minutes Approved:



Chairman-Dan Elwell



Recorder-Cindy Norred