

BIGFORK FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE
Meeting Minutes
July 26th, 2022
5:30pm

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

Absent Trustee: Seth Price

Guests: Jeremy Patton


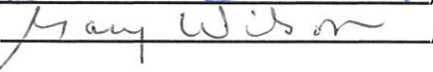
1. **Call meeting to order/Pledge of Allegiance** at 17:30
2. **General Public Comment:** There was no public comment
3. **Consent Agenda:** There was no comment. There was a motion to accept the consent agenda from Borges 1st and 2nd Wilson.
4. **Items to Report:**
 - A. Fire Chiefs Report* See attached
5. **Unfinished Business-Action Items/Discussion Items:**
 - A. **Think One Update:** They are working on floor plans.
 - B. **FY23 Preliminary Budget:** The budget was sent to the county.
 - C. **Letters of Appointments** for Sliter and Wilson were received from the county.
6. **New Business-Action Items/Discussion Items:**
 - A. **Appendix 400-I:** The chief requested that the stipend pay be increased.
See attached draft for Appendix 400-I. There was a motion to approve Appendix 400-I as presented by Sliter 1st and 2nd Wilson.
 - B. **Approval of negotiation for 2014 4x4 pumper:**
The down payment would be \$68,750 with total purchase price of \$275,000.
There was a motion to approve the purchase from Sliter 1st and 2nd Borges.
 - C. **Approval of Reorganization of Fire District Board:**
There was a motion to keep the same officers for 22/23 by Borges 1st and 2nd Wilson.

There was no closed session.

There was no general public comment.

Motion to adjourn was made by Wilson 1st and 2nd Borges.

Minutes Approved:


_____, Trustee

_____, Recorder

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“GREEN SHEET”

July 26th, 2022

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Approval of Agenda as Presented**
 - B. **Approval of Purchase Orders: None to Approve**
 - C. **Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 28th, 2022, as Presented**
 - D. **Approval of Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid as Presented**
 - E. **Approval of Letter of Resignation TB:** Tim Boose was given a 90-day extension on his medical leave earlier this year. He has not been cleared to return to full duty and does not know how soon he might be. He is submitting a letter of resignation and will consider rejoining the department in the future when he is allowed to return to full duty.
 - F. **Approval of Hiring Volunteer EMT-P Dan Magone and Volunteer EMT Rachel Bodick:** Dan Magone now lives in the Bigfork Fire District and is interested in helping on EMS calls. Rachel Bodick has been active with the department through the Braveheart Chaplaincy and is currently an EMT. By becoming a Bigfork Fire EMS volunteer, Rachel could respond on EMS calls when she is either in district or is available.
 - G. **Approval of Officers Positions:** Having 3-4 responders on each shift now has been a positive direction for the department and the community. There is now a need for additional supervision of these shifts, especially now that Michael Hingiss has stepped down to part-time. I am requesting that the Board authorize hiring 3 Lieutenant positions. One officer for each A, B, and C shift. These officers would be responsible for making sure their shift's work assignments are completed and would work directly under the Chief's supervision at this time. The pay for the Lieutenant position would be in accordance with the CBA. If the Board would like to approve of these 3 positions, a motion to authorize hiring the positions at the rate of pay of the CBA is needed.
2. **ITEMS FOR REPORT**
 - A. **Fire Chief's Report**
 3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. **ThinkOne Update**—No additional information at this time
 - B. **FY23 Preliminary Budget:** Was sent to Flathead County
 - C. **Letters of Appointments for Sliter and Wilson—Copy for board**
 4. **NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. **Appendix 400-I**—I am suggesting an increase of the stipend paid to volunteers and different stipend amounts for certain call types. Our current stipend of \$16.10 has not been changed since approximately 2014 or 2015 so I am suggesting that the minimum stipend be raised to \$20.00 per call. Currently, many responders turn off their pagers overnight because of the frequency of calls for EMS throughout the night. By offering a higher stipend for response to a second out medical call, there will be more of an incentive for volunteers to respond to EMS calls and a higher probability of not having to call outside resources to cover the district.

B. Approval of Negotiation for 2014 4x4 Pumper and Authorization of Down payment: I traveled to Denver on July 21st to inspect an engine. The apparatus was in better-than-expected condition with almost half the expected milage. There will need to be discussion held during the meeting if the Board is interested in pursuing this apparatus. Also, discussion about the negotiation and down payment if necessary.

C. Approval of Reorganization of Fire District Board: It is that time of year again!

5. Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to MCA 2-3-203 (3)
6. Reconvene into Open Session
7. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT*
8. ADJOURN