

BIGFORK FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE

August 25th, 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/83299876744>

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

Absent Trustees: Seth Price

Guests: Chief-Mark Thiry, Jeremy Patton, Cindy Norred, Peach & Gary Graeff, Joseph Bakker

Guests on via Zoom: No guest on Zoom

This meeting was recorded.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** 17:31
2. **General Public Comment:** None
3. **Review/Approval of meeting minutes July 28th, 2020:** No comment
A motion to approve July 28th, 2020 meeting minutes: Sliter (1st), Borges (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.
4. **Review/Approval of Purchase Orders:** PO #7997-Camera Systems for Bigfork Hall
A motion not to exceed \$2000.00 for this: Borges (1st), Wilson (2nd) all in favor, none opposed. In Montana be cautious on recording audio, signs will go up to let know recording and sent out to employees.
5. **Review/Approval of Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid:**
Sliter questioned 9501-Restatement on balance sheet. Cindy explained it was old, cleaned up books before Cindy's time. The board would like it cleaned up, Cindy will discuss with the Auditor on items that have been cleaned and has noted for the upcoming Audit. Sliter asked what the \$85,617.00 on Fund #7254 was. Cindy explained that it was the payment on the new land, and it was the only payout with that Fund for FY20 budget year.

A motion to approve financial statements and bills paid, Wilson (1st), Borges (2nd) all in favor, a comment made by Elwell that he appreciated Wilson and Sliter for taking time on this item, none opposed.

6. Committee Updates:

- A. **Building Committee:** Wilson explained there was no problem with the sign going up, has no cost yet, but should be no problems. A motion was made to approve up to 1,000.00, Sliter (1st), Borges (2nd) all in favor, none opposed. Plans had been submitted for approach, have been told a hard no, although they approved the other side of road for one. There are no lights scheduled. Elwell will stay out of it; committee will continue looking into it.
- B. **Vehicle Committee:** Ambulance final approval had been signed off; completion date should be December sometime. Once close to receiving, need to do something for Doug Smith on it.

7. **Fire Chief Report:** See attached report

8. Old Business:

- A. **Accept resignation of MS:** A motion to resignation of MS, Borges (1st), Sliter (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.

9. **Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to MCA 2-3-203 (3):** *Went into closed session at 17:48*

10. **Reconvene into Open Session:** Back from closed session, opened session at 18:16.

11. New Business:

A. Procedure Change, Board discretion on 3 reading adoption of items:

Thiry talked to county attorney, there are no laws that govern this, and the board By-Laws do not have it. He explained that three months sometimes is too long to get something done. Items are posted on agenda in the time frame by code, district is covered. Discussion on single reading between board members and at any time do not have to approve right away and any board member against

So, moved to recognizes the By-Laws as they are, where no three read is required, but through the public interest that we have been in the practice of these three reads, which I appreciate, where there is controversial matter is required longer term public input. Sliter (1st), Borges (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.

B. Approve Bigfork Fire District FY21 Budget- by Resolution 2021-1:

A motion to approve FY21 Budget-by resolution 2021-1 as presented. Wilson (1st), Sliter (2nd) all in favor, changes noted of increases on Lake & Flathead County revenues from preliminary, none opposed.

- C. **Approve purchase of (5) TK5210 portable radios:** (Picture Presented) These radios are no longer produced; they are used ones that have never been used. \$300.00 apiece. \$1500.00 total. These could help the district getting more radios out, temporary fix. They will be working on grant with the county for additional radio soon. A motion to approve to purchase of (5) TK5210 portable radios \$300.00 apiece. \$1500.00 total: Sliter (1st), Borges (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.
- D. **Amend Uniform Policy 210.01.4 (a)(iii) Structure Fire Boots:**
Sliter suggested make this similar to administered and dollar amounts the same and have this replacement expectation also on the wildland boots. Chief to review and bring back to board. Sliter (1st), Borges (2nd) all in favor, none opposed.

12. **General Public Comment:** Borges wanted Echo Lake to be added to next month agenda. He will be getting proposals.


Elwell noted that no action is needed from the board on the sign, take it to the committee. Next meeting September 29th.

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

Meeting adjourned: 18:46

Minutes Approved:

 Trustee

 Recorder