

# BIGFORK FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE

December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

5:30pm

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

**Absent Trustees:** Robert Borges, Seth Price

**Guests:** Chief-Jeremy Patton, Michael Hingiss, Cindy Norred, Sean Kehl, Sean Reffner, Tyler Hayes, Trenton Tilton, Danny Horgan, Alida Tinch

\*Meeting was recorded

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** at 17:30
2. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT\*** No general public comment
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Approval of Agenda as Presented
  - B. Approval of Purchase Orders: 8183
  - C. Approval of Meeting Minutes for November 30th, 2021, as Presented
  - D. Approval of Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid as Presented
  - E. Approval of Appendix 400-H Revised
  - F. Approval of Resignation of IK and BV
  - G. Approval of Hiring Volunteer FF/EMT SF
  - H. Approval of Edit to Residential Volunteer Contract
  - I. Approval of Hiring Residential Volunteer(s) KC and AB
  - J. Approval of Hiring Part-time FF/EMT-P CB
  - K. Approval of Phone Contract

A motion to accept the consent agenda A, B, C, D, E, F, I, J, and remove H for discussion & remove G. Sliter (1<sup>st</sup>) Wilson(2<sup>nd</sup>), no comments, all in favor, none opposed. \*See green sheet for details of each line item.

4. **ITEMS FOR REPORT**

**A. Fire Chief's Report\*** See attached report from Chief Patton

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Public Comment:** Danny Horgan & Alida Tinch had concerns with the response times to the Bigfork community and wanted to know How do they help? It was explained that the district is struggling with staffing, cost and the increased call volume with the population increased in the last few years. It was discussed that fund raising would be helpful, but the district needs permanent funds to continue year after year.

6. **Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to MCA 2-3-203 (3)**: Board went to close session at 18:02

7. **Reconvene into Open Session:** Board back from close session at 18:19

8. **NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Bonuses:** A motion to approve bonuses up to \$5000.00 as Jeremy presented with plan from close session. Sliters (1<sup>st</sup>), Wilson (2<sup>nd</sup>), no comments, all in favor, none opposed.

**B. Letters from Close session:** A motion to accept letter of resignation and letter of appeal concerning with a 90-day extension. Wilson (1<sup>st</sup>), Sliter (2<sup>nd</sup>), no comments, all in favor, none opposed.

**H. Consent Agenda: Approval of Edit to Residential Volunteer Contract:** Board discussion on changes as presented. \*See revised contract as presented to the board. Sliter's had some recommendations to add. Last page of Contract #9 Sliter was concerned with what happens if? Last sentence change may to will. A motion to approve the volunteer contract, and change may to will. Sliters (1<sup>st</sup>), Wilson (2<sup>nd</sup>), no comments, all in favor, none opposed.

9. **Motion to Adjourn:** Wilson (1<sup>st</sup>), Sliter (2<sup>nd</sup>) no comments, all in favor, none opposed.  
Meeting adjourned: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, Trustee

\_\_\_\_\_, Recorder