

BIGFORK FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE

July 27th, 2021

5:30pm

Trustees: Dan Elwell, Robert Borges, Seth Price, Andrew Sliter

Absent Trustees: Gary Wilson

Guests: Chief-Jeremy Patton, Cindy Norred, Michael Hingiss, Emily Smith, Sean Reffner, Sean Kehl

*Meeting was recorded

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** at 17:36
2. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT*** There was no general public comment
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Agenda as Presented
 - B. Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 29th, 2021, as Presented
 - C. Approval of Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid as Presented
 - D. Approval of Purchase Orders 8114, 8115, and 8118
 - E. Approval of Amendment to Appendix 400-I
 - F. Approval of Wage Increase for PRN EMT's JT and LC
 - G. Approval of Resignation of AM, ES
 - H. Approval of Hiring Full-Time Paramedic
 - I. Approval of Resolution 2022-2
 - J. Approval of Resolution 2022-3

A motion to approve consent agenda A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, Sliter (1st), Borges (2nd), F. effective date is August 1st, 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:** There was no unfinished business discussion.
6. **Convene into Closed Session Pursuant to MCA 2-3-203 (3):** Board did not go into close session.
7. **Reconvene into Open Session:** Board did not go into close session.
8. **NEW BUSINESS-ACTION ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. **FY22 Preliminary Budget sent to Flathead County:** *See attached budget sent to Flathead County. Total resources after reconciliation are \$545,498.00 which includes the unpaid invoice from the Spartan Race. We will now have \$332,000.00 CIP to transfer, which bring cash reserve to a 30% cash reserve.
- B. **Review/Approval of Bigfork Fire District Trustee Bylaws:** *See copy of Bigfork Fire District By-Laws presented. There will be a few changes coming once completed union contracts have been done, so it all reflects across by-laws, policies etc. A motion to approve Jeremy cleaning up grammatical errors for department within Trustee By-Laws, present red line and blue line and present at next Trustee meeting, email out to board, Sliter (1st), Price (2nd), no comments, all in favor, none opposed.
- C. **Discussion on Agreement with Bigfork Water District:** Discussion on surrounding fire departments on hydrant testing, City of Polson-Fire Department does not test Polson’s hydrants, Sommers Fire helps with testing, Kalispell doesn’t, Whitefish don’t help test any district hydrants systems, but within city limits does help if they need it, if don’t have calls. Evergreen gets \$13,000.00 to test almost 300 hydrants, some years will hire 1 to 2 seasonal employees to test, they get money no matter on testing, if they don’t use it goes to their capital fund. They don’t get charge for the water they use for fires. *See contract attached. It automatically renewed for three years. Board would like time to be tract and will take a look at when agreement is up again.

- 9. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT*** Stay off 82 Bridge, construction there. DNRC is ok to use Echo Lake if needed.
- 10. **Motion to Adjourn:** Borges (1st), Price (2nd) no comments, all in favor, none opposed.
Meeting adjourned: 18:23

Minutes Approved: _____, Trustee
 _____, Recorder