

Bigfork Fire District Trustee Meeting

February 27th, 2018

Trustees: Zack Anderson, Andrew Sliter, Dan Elwell

Guests: Jeremy Patton, Cindy Norred, Tracey Gembala

Opened at 17:33

1. **General Public Comment:** None
2. **Review/Approval of meeting minutes January 30th, 2018:** Sliter (1st), Elwell (2nd) all in favor, none opposed
3. **Review/Approval of Purchase Orders:** None
4. **Review Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid:** Questions on Cole Williams turnout purchase. Jeremy explained that he was up for new ones, it is in the budget every year to replace two sets. They do expire. Questions on what happens to the expired ones. They are used for trainings to cut or donate to countries in need. We have several sets in the basement.
5. **Fire Chief Report:** See attached.
6. **Apparatus Committee Report:** Elwell stated that we needed to sell one before we could buy one. Nothing further to report.
7. **Old Business**
 - A. **Mill Levy Process Update:** *See the Fire Chief Report. There were questions on the ballot, if it is for both Flathead and Lake County. Patton explained that Chief texted that it was done for both counties and that he assumes it on the ballot for both counties. Patton will investigate it further. Patton explained that the Chief had a call into the county attorney regarding campaigning on public dollar. He believes we can't have anything that says vote "yes". Board would like the flyer to go in mail two-three weeks before the election.
 - B. **Election Information for Fire District Trustees/Open Seat:** There have been several interests, Brain Anderson, Taylor, Seth Price. Patton explained that he believes they just have to submit a Letter of Interest.
 - C. Local Government Service Bureau Approved the Audit Contract between Bigfork Rural Fire District and Denning Downey & Associates, PC for FY2017-18
8. **New Business**
 - A. Motion to accept resignation for MW & NT & KO & TC & JC & DM: Elwell (1st), Sliter (2nd) all in favor, none opposed

- B. Motion to Approve Annual Review for Online Banking Forms: User Profiles, Customer Security, ACH Origination as provided, Zack Anderson to sign: Sliter (1st), Elwell (2nd) all in favor, none opposed
- C. Motion to Approve Appendix H in its entirety, Sliter wanted to note that there were no changes made to it, that weren't approved prior: Sliter (1st), Elwell 2nd) all in favor, none opposed
- D. **Health Insurance Discussion:** The health insurance is going up again this year, could possible see up to an 18% increase, Chief heard and when Cindy talked to Payne West, they were seeing 10-15% increases. Cindy explained that the board needs to come up with a set amount to contribute, so we don't continue to have to adjust budgets each year depending on the cost increases. It will be easier to budget for an employee. The board has been trying to keep cost around the same over the last eight years, but the rates continue to increase. Insurance for the department has gone from no deductibles up to the HSA contributing, \$3600.00 deductible this last year. June 1st is the departments renewal. Board said to start with \$800.00 amount and continue with the \$500.00 each January and \$25.00 matching per payroll and see how that will work in this year's budget and then they will go from there. Next month will bring it back and see how it works in the budget. Sliter was going to send Cindy some information on an option if the employee can bring in invoice for reimbursement for insurance.
- E. Letter was received from the Montana Board of Investments that the ladder truck loan has been paid in full and they enclosed the original Promissory Note.

9. **General Public Comment:** None

10. **Motion to Adjourn:** Elwell (1st), Sliter(2nd) all in favor, none opposed

Meeting adjourned at 18:35

Minutes Approved: _____, Chairman -Zack Anderson

_____, Recorder-Cindy Norred