

Bigfork Fire District Trustee Meeting

April 24th, 2018

Trustees: Zack Anderson, Andrew Sliter, Dan Kidd (via teleconference)

Guests: Chief-Mark Thiry, Tracey Gembala, Robert Borges, Jeremy Patton, Brandon Wenzel, Adam Wermer, Aaron Wermer, Michael York, Ron Wenzel, Josh McGuinness, D. Luehr

Opened at 17:32

1. **General Public Comment:** None
2. **Review/Approval of meeting minutes March 27th, 2018:** Motion to approve March 27th, 2018 meeting minutes: Sliter (1st), Kidd (2nd) all in favor, none opposed
3. **Review/Approval of Purchase Orders:** None
4. **Review Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid:** No comment
5. **Fire Chief Report:** See attached. Chief informed the Board that NBC Montana did an interview with him earlier in the day and it should air later this evening.
6. **Apparatus Committee Report:** Chief Thiry received a third-party appraisal for Belgrade's ladder truck of \$325,000. This is approximately \$100,000 less than the appraisal for 342. The next step will probably be traveling to Belgrade to look at the truck and Belgrade traveling to Bigfork to look at 342 if both parties are interested in continuing the pursuit of a trade.
7. **Old Business**
 - A. **Mill Levy Process Update:** The ballots have been mailed out by Flathead County. Chief Thiry said that the Department has received numerous phone calls with questions about the ballot. Chief also informed the Board about the Department's participation this Saturday in Clean Your 'Fork and the open house that will be held at the Bigfork Hall afterwards.
 - B. **Election Information for Fire District Trustees/Open Seat:** Patton informed the Trustees that the Flathead County commissioners will meet tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. to vote on the applicants for the 2 posted positions. If both are applicants are appointed by the commissioners, they will be on the Board of Trustees effective immediately.
 - C. **Operations Chief to \$13.22/hr.:** Chief Thiry explained that this position is a management position and should be paid the management position rate. Kidd (1st), Sliter (2nd) all in favor, none opposed
 - D. **Second Reading of Policies 205.00 & 220.00 for clarification on definition of "Full-Time":** This will set new policies to correct current discrepancies on the definition of Full-Time. There will be a final reading at the next meeting.

8. New Business

A. Personnel Action, Termination of L.K. and Z.B.: Sliter (1st), Kidd (2nd) all in favor, none opposed

B. Personnel Action, Hire K.C., J.C., L.W., and J.S.: Sliter (1st), Kidd (2nd) all in favor, none opposed

9. **General Public Comment:** Ron Wenzel, the Boy Scout Troop Leader, asked for an explanation of how the mill levy would help out the Department and what would happen if it fails. Anderson gave an explanation to everyone in attendance. Bill Taylor asked if the mill levy request would help the budget for capital improvement and apparatus replacement. Chief Thiry informed him of the plans for capital improvement and a 10-year plan for apparatus replacement. Ron Wenzel asked if the employees are already trained when they apply to the Department or if we offer initial training. Chief Thiry explained that they are usually already trained but receive continuing education training each year. The Scouts then talked about their goals and merit badges that they are currently working on. Anderson thanked Kidd for his time on the Board.

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

Meeting adjourned at 18:24.

Minutes Approved: _____, Chairman -Zack Anderson

_____, Recorder-Jeremy Patton