

Bigfork Fire District Trustee Meeting

January 30th, 2018

Trustees: Zack Anderson, Andrew Sliter, Dan Elwell

Guests: Chief Mark Thiry, Jeremy Patton, Cindy Norred, Tracey Gembala

Opened at 17:37

1. **General Public Comment:** None
2. **Review/Approval of meeting minutes December 26th, 2017:** Sliter (1st), Elwell (2nd) all in favor, none opposed
3. **Review/Approval of Purchase Orders:** Purchase order for furniture and mattresses presented to the Board. Sliter asked about Friends of Bigfork Fire for something like this. Chief explained that they are for safety & training expenses. Motion made to approve Conlins Furniture purposed quote for beds and furniture. Sliter (1st), Elwell (2nd) all in favor, none opposed
4. **Review Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid:** Sliter asked some questions on all that is received. Cindy explained what reports are in the packet each month and how to look at them.
5. **Fire Chief Report:** See attached. Chief explained that we are up 142 more calls. 922 calls for Service for the year. Chief attended the COC meeting and wanted the board members will be present at the next COC meeting February 8th and it will need to be posted if more than 2 members. Chief will post it. Chief will not be here for the next schedule meeting for a training in Reno and Jeremy Patton will be in charge. Anderson made a motion to pay up to \$500.00 for training for the Chief for Strike Team Leader Training in Reno. Sliter (1st), Elwell (2nd) all in favor, none opposed
6. **Apparatus Committee Report:** Columbia Fall is interested in the ladder truck if it will fit in their garage. Chief explained after talking with a company (Brindlee) the value of the ladder truck is unique and falls into the 1-10 years old range and there are not many of them. Price varies from \$300,000-\$450,000. They have two options, Option A: No cost to advertise, but, 5% commission on final sale or Option B. Brindlee buys it direct wholesale pricing at \$275,000—300,000 approx.
7. **Old Business**
 - A. **Mill Levy Process Update:** Board explained that the district needs to have a one-page synopsis of what happens if it passes & what happens if it does not pass. Need to get on website ASAP & present it at the next chamber meeting, Use FOBF, advertising at business & theatre.

B. Transition from Volunteer to Paid-On-Call Status: There are only approx. four volunteers left. Motion was made to table, Sliter (1st), Elwell (2nd) all in favor, none opposed

C. Election Information for Fire District Trustees/Open Seat: Chief informed board of one person that he met with that may be interested. Anderson stated that two other prospects are not able to.

8. New Business

A. Accept Letters of Resignation for D.M. and T.B.: Elwell (1st), Sliter (2nd) all in favor, none opposed

B. Approve Contracts for Fiscal 2017-2018 Bi-annual Audit & consulting/G34 prep. by Denning, Downey & Assoc: The board questioned the breakdown of cost. Cindy explained the 1yr cost vs. 2 yr. and the price has come down \$2,000.00. Motion made to approve the contracts for FY17 & FY18. Sliter (1st), Elwell (2nd) all in favor, none opposed

9. General Public Comment: None

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:10

Minutes Approved: _____, Chairman -Zack Anderson

_____, Recorder-Jeremy Patton