

Bigfork Fire District Trustee Meeting

October 4th, 2017

Trustees: Andrew Sliter, Dan Kidd, Dan Elwell

Guests: Chief Mark Thiry, Jeremy Patton, Josh Cox, Dan Magone

Opened at 17:33

1. **General Public Comment—None**
2. **Review/Approval of meeting minutes August 2nd, 2017**—Sliter requested that item 8E be amended to remove some of the content that did not apply to the topic and add a new category for those statements. Minutes were approved with amendments. Sliter (1st), Elwell (2nd), all in favor, none opposed
3. **Review/Approval of Purchase Orders**—Chief Thiry informed the Board of 2 different quotes for brake repair work for Engine 331. The Board approved the lower bid up to \$1800.00. Sliter (1st), Elwell (2nd), all in favor, none opposed
4. **Review Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid**—Sliter has some questions about some of the reports but will wait to have a meeting with Cindy to discuss. Kidd would like to see a report that shows the projected income as well to show a more accurate accounts receivable.
5. **Fire Chief Report**—See attached. The projected income for tender 392 being on severity is approximately \$25,000.
6. **Apparatus Committee Report** – Chief Thiry informed the Board that Belgrade was interested in trading their 75-foot ladder for 342. He responded that Bigfork was not interested in trading. The Board would like to hear some options and cost for advertising the ladder truck nationally. Sliter also made a motion to dispose of 363 however it would best serve the Department. Sliter (1st), Elwell (2nd), all in favor, none opposed.
7. **Old Business**
 - A. **FY17-EMS Operation Cost**—Just informational. No comment.
 - B. **Final Budget with Tax Revenues and Entitlement** –No comment
 - C. **CIP- (Action Item)**—The Board reviewed with explanation from Chief Thiry. Elwell (1st), Sliter (2nd), all in favor, none opposed
 - D. **Chief's Hours while working DNRC Assignment (Action Item)**—Chief Thiry explained that he was double paid 77 hours while at the DNRC working severity, but much of this time was used to write or revise district policies. The Board agreed to leave everything as is. Elwell (1st), Sliter (2nd), all in favor, none opposed. The Board then thanked Chief Thiry and Mick Borges for their work.
 - E. **Mill Levy Increase-Resolution (Action Item)**—Chief Thiry presented information for a possible levy increase of up to 15 mills. All Board members

agreed that a very proactive campaign needs to take place for the plan to be successful. Chief Thiry explained that this would allow staffing the second ambulance full time as well as providing additional staffing for fire response. It would also be used for future apparatus and building replacement. The Board favors a mail-in ballot. The Board approved the resolution Elwell (1st), Sliter (2nd), all in favor, none opposed. A motion was made to table the decision on when to hold the ballot until more Board members were present. Elwell (1st), Sliter (2nd), all in favor, none opposed The Board discussed possibly mailing out fliers and would also like to have something for an action plan put on the next agenda.

8. New Business

1. **Reorganization of the Board (Action Item) --Tabled**
2. **Approval PRN EMTs---Eric S. as of 9/14/2017- (Action Item)—**
Board approved moving this member from volunteer to paid status. Sliter (1st), Elwell (2nd), all in favor, none opposed.
3. **Formalize Hiring of PRN Paramedics from Sept. 8th;** Cameron B., Daniel M., Nick T., Melina H., David F. (Action Item)—Just informational. Motion to record, Sliter (1st), Elwell (2nd), all in favor, none opposed.
4. **Scheduling of next meeting (Action Item)—**The Board agreed that November 1st, 2017 will be the next meeting. Elwell (1st), Sliter (2nd), all in favor, none opposed.

9. General Public Comment--None

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

Meeting adjourned at 19:13

Next Meeting: November 1st, 2017

Minutes Approved: _____, Chairman -Dan Kidd

_____, Recorder-Jeremy Patton