

Bigfork Fire District Trustee Meeting

December 26th, 2017

Trustees: Zack Anderson, Andrew Sliter, Dan Elwell

Guests: Chief Mark Thiry, Jeremy Patton

Opened at 17:31

1. **General Public Comment**—None
2. **Review/Approval of meeting minutes November 28th, 2017**— Sliter (1st), Elwell (2nd) all in favor, none opposed
3. **Review/Approval of Purchase Orders**— None to approve
4. **Review Reconciliation of Financial Statements and Bills Paid**—Chief Thiry advised the Board that the budget is on target with where it should be in the fiscal year.
5. **Fire Chief Report**—See attached. Anderson would like to have the Chief's report for the current month as well since the meeting has been moved to the end of the month.
6. **Apparatus Committee Report** – Chief Thiry informed the Board that Brindlee Mountain offered two options for selling 342. They can sell 342 for a commission fee or they will buy it for an agreed upon price. Chief Thiry is currently in the process of filling out information for Brindlee Mountain to get a suggested value of 342.
7. **Old Business**
 - A. **Mill Levy Process Update**—The Board still plans on rolling out information next month about the mill levy. Anderson would like the website to have information about the levy as well as contact information for the public. He suggested also having a couple town hall meetings.
8. **New Business**
 - A. **Election Information for Fire District Trustees**—Information was included in the Board packet. The Board would like to have an open position filled before the election date.
 - B. **Discussion on Paid/Volunteer**—Chief Thiry would like to eliminate the volunteer position and make all volunteers paid employees. It would not add any extra costs to the Department and would most likely save money over what is being paid as a stipend. There are only 6 or 7 volunteers, so it will not make a significant impact to the budget. No action is being requested at this meeting.
 - C. **Transition Jared S. EMT to part-time status from Volunteer**— Elwell (1st), Sliter (2nd) all in favor, none opposed

D. Transition Joseph B. EMT/FF to part-time status from Volunteer—
Elwell (1st), Sliter (2nd) all in favor, none opposed

E. Community Foundation for Better Bigfork Group—No one from CFBB was in attendance. Anderson is not in favor of combining the 2 campaigns. Elwell agreed because the voter base is not the same. Sliter stated that he is not in favor of combining the two for the ballot. Each should be kept separate and stand on its own merit.

9. **General Public Comment—**None

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

Meeting adjourned at 18:20

Minutes Approved: _____, Chairman -Zack Anderson

_____, Recorder-Jeremy Patton