

**BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT “BSFD”**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING OF AUGUST 23, 2017**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Carol Collins at 8:32 am

Present: Trustees Carol Collins, Steve Johnson, and Tom Reeves; William Farhat, Fire Chief; Greg Megaard, Deputy Chief; Mara Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Trustees Alan McClain and Renae Schumacher, Alecia Fischer; Office Administrator

**a. Introduction of visitors and guests**

President Local 4732 Firefighter John Foster, Firefighter Mohr, Firefighter Clark, Firefighter Kendziorski, Firefighter Gras, Firefighter Loomis, and Ron Edwards

**2. Public comment for items not on the agenda**

- a.** President Local 4732 Firefighter Foster stated that Chief Farhat approved the Union bringing an engine to Bozeman for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) camp. BSFD was the only department from the valley that had an apparatus and the kids really enjoyed it. The Union wanted to publicly thank Chief Farhat and Deputy Chief Megaard for allowing them to bring Engine 1241 to the event.

**3. Consent Agenda Items**

- a.** Approval of draft minutes of July 26, 2017 Regular Meeting  
**b.** Approval of draft minutes of August 10, 2017 Special Meeting  
**c.** Financial Reports for July 2017  
**d.** Monthly Financial Statements  
**e.** Check Register: Checks 6116392 – 6116449, including voided check 6116416  
**f.** Correspondence
- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Steve Johnson and Tom Reeves to approve the consent agenda items of August 23, 2017 as presented. Passed Unanimously

**4. Fire Chief’s Report**

See report included in board packet

**5. New Business**

**a. Battalion Chief Position Description Approval**

- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Steve Johnson and Tom Reeves to approve the Battalion Chief position description as presented. Passed Unanimously

**b. Creation of Three Battalion Chief Positions for FY 2017-2018**

- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Steve Johnson and Tom Reeves to approve the creation of three Battalion Chief Positions as presented. Passed Unanimously
- Adjust the budget line items for FY 2017-2018 as necessary in relation to the creation of the three Battalion Chief positions.

**c. Negotiations with Local 4732 for Battalion Chief Compensation**

- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Tom Reeves and Steve Johnson to approve the Battalion Chief compensation at \$95,000 as recommended by Chief Farhat. Passed Unanimously

**d. Resolution 2017-1003 to Request the Maximum Number of Mills for Gallatin County**

- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Tom Reeves and Steve Johnson to approve Resolution 2017-1003 to request the maximum number of mills for Gallatin County. Passed Unanimously

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- e. Resolution 2017-1004 to Request the Maximum Number of Mills for Madison County
  - Motion Made and Seconded by Steve Johnson and Tom Reeves to approve Resolution 2017-1004 to request the maximum number of mills for Madison County. Passed Unanimously
  
- 6. **Old Business**
  - a. Paul Cronin Information Requests
    - Trustee Collins recommends implementing a policy that would define a timeline for future requests from community members.
  - b. Master/ISO Plan
    - i. Training Facility Update
      - Chief Farhat is still waiting to meet with Scott Altman.
    - ii. Mill Levy Update - None
  
- 7. **Other Business** - None
  
- 8. **Public Comment** - None
  
- 9. **Date for next regular meeting** – September 20, 2017 at 8:30 am
  
- 10. **Adjournment** – 9:15 am

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Alan McClain, Chair

  
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Steve Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer

cc: Board of Trustees  
Fire Chief William Farhat  
Local 4732  
Gallatin County Board of Commissioners  
Gallatin County Clerk & Records Office  
Madison County Clerk & Records Office