

**BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT “BSFD”
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING OF JANUARY 10, 2018**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Alan McClain at 8:33 am

Present: Trustees Alan McClain, Carol Collins, Steve Johnson, Tom Reeves, and Renae Schumacher; William Farhat, Fire Chief; Alecia Fischer, Office Administrator; Mara Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Greg Megaard, Deputy Chief

a. Introduction of visitors and guests

President Local 4732 Firefighter John Foster, Battalion Chief Pruiett, Captain Loomis, Firefighter Clark, Firefighter Kendziorski, Firefighter Kammann, and Firefighter Bolton, Kevin Germain, Lone Mountain Land Company

2. Public comment for items not on the agenda – None

3. Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of draft minutes of November 29, 2017 Regular Meeting

b. Financial Reports for November 2017 and December 2017

c. Monthly Financial Statements

d. Check Register: Checks 6116627 – 6116730, including voided checks 6116635 and 6116691

e. Correspondence

- **Motion Made and Seconded by Renae Schumacher and Steve Johnson to approve the consent agenda items of January 10, 2018. Passed Unanimously**

4. Fire Chief’s Report

a. See report included in board packet

5. New Business

a. Resolution 2018-1001 Calling for a Trustees Election – two positions

- **Motion Made and Seconded by Carol Collins and Steve Johnson to approve Resolution 2018-1001 Calling for a Trustees Election – two positions.**

b. Deployment of firefighters to Thomas Fire in California

- Battalion Chief Pruiett, Firefighter Clark, Firefighter Mohr, and Firefighter Rush deployed to California to assist fighting the Thomas Fire.

c. Proposed multi-year agreement with the Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD) for annual funding

- The agreement is being reviewed by BSFD’s attorney Kim Christopherson. Chief Farhat will be meeting with the BSRAD regarding establishing a three year agreement.

d. Moonlight Basin Overall Development Plan (ODP) Requirements for Fire District

- In a meeting with Alex Iskenderian, Kevin Germain, Jon Olsen, and Christina Calabrese, Chief Farhat clarified some conditions for the ODP:

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- The building of a two bay fire station by Moonlight Basin would only occur if there is large commercial construction in the Madison Village/Overlook areas, such as a hotel, and/or the construction of 30 homes in the proposed subdivisions west of the Moonlight Golf Course area, named in the 2017 ODP Update as South Jack, Golf Course, Lower Hillside, Hidden Lake and Three Peaks.
- Upon the completion of the fire station's construction, it will be staffed by BSFD personnel if the construction of the station is triggered by large construction in the Madison Village/Overlook areas. If the fire station is constructed due to the creation of 30 homes in the subdivisions, BSFD personnel will staff the station no later than the completion of 75 homes in those subdivisions.
- Kevin Germain with Lone Mountain Land Company stated that they are still operating under the 2007 ODP until it is renewed for another 10 years. The first main difference is an increase in density. The second difference is developing the Moonlight Territories which is behind the gate down Jack Creek Road.
- Kevin Germain also pointed out that in the 2007 ODP the language with the Big Sky Fire Department was in the “notes” section versus the “conditions” section. The trigger on the notes section was that it was when annexation occurred. At the request of the Madison County Commissioners, Chief Farhat initiated annexing in undeveloped properties. Kevin stated that Moonlight “jumped in with both feet” regarding the large annexation. If the language regarding Big Sky Fire Department had been in the conditions section rather than the notes section in the ODP, Moonlight would not have done that. Kevin stated that he and Chief Farhat have been working together on how to address this issue.
- Kevin stated that he worked with the fire district and consultants in the Master Plan process that involved Moonlight and a third station was not brought up. A second relevant issue Kevin mentioned is Big Sky just updated their ODP and added 740 density units and there was no such request made of another like developer on their ODP. Kevin agreed with Chief Farhat that something should be in writing in the conditions section of the renewed ODP.
- Chief Farhat stated that master plan’s do not go beyond ten years. Also, regarding the Boyne density issue, the Boyne properties are right in front of Fire Station 2 so it won’t impact us in the same manner. The impact of the growth in Moonlight that concerns Chief Farhat is the commercial size of things and the distance.
- Trustee Reeves stated the importance of having emergency services within adequate distance for the safety of the development’s homeowners.
- e. Contract negotiations with IAFF Local 4732
 - Chief Farhat will begin meeting with Local 4732 regarding contract negotiations.
- f. Resignation of On-Call Captain Bart Mitchell
 - The Department has a plaque to present Bart Mitchell in the spring.

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6. Old Business

- a. Master/ISO Plan
 - i. Station 1 and 2 Remodel Update
 - First meeting regarding design ideas is January 16, 2018.
 - ii. Discussion with Madison County regarding use of space in Station 2
 - Chief Farhat spoke with the Madison County Commission about possibly helping fund a foyer that would be open 24 hours to house documents for public viewing.
- b. Station 1 Land Acquisition Update
 - The appraisal that was done declared the land where Station 1 is located is valued at \$410,000.
- c. Update on engine purchase from Pierce Manufacturing
 - Currently fine tuning all final details for the truck and it should be delivered June 2018.
- d. Operational reserves discussion
 - i. Purchase request for 12 new handheld radios. For purchase request details see informative sheet included in board packet.
 - **Motion Made and Seconded** by Carol Collins and Steve Johnson to purchase 12 new handheld radios per the presentation by Chief Farhat. Motion Failed.
 - **Amended Motion** by Carol Collins to include for the purchase of the radios we will use. Motion Incomplete; Motion Failed
 - **Substitute Motion** by Carol Collins and Steve Johnson to purchase 12 radios from Motorola at a cost of \$78,637, using previously unallocated funds from savings. Not Passed Unanimously.
 - **Motion Made and Seconded** by Carol Collins and Steve Johnson to adjust the 2017-2018 Annual Budget by allowing Chief Farhat to purchase 12 radios from Motorola at a cost of \$78,637, using previously unallocated funds from savings. Passed Unanimously

7. Other Business

- Chief Farhat is looking into the possibility of a BSFD training facility being located at Big Sky Search & Rescue’s overflow lot.

8. Public Comment

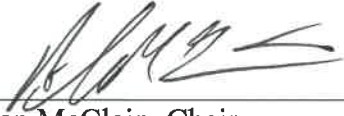
- Firefighter Kendziorski thanked the board and Chief Farhat for keeping firefighter safety a priority with the purchase of the new radios.

9. Date for next regular meeting – February 28, 2018 at 8:30 am

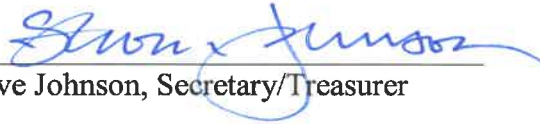
10. Adjournment – 9:53 am

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Respectfully submitted,



Alan McClain, Chair



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