

**BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT “BSFD”
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING OF JANUARY 22, 2020**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Alan McClain at 8:38 am

Present: Trustees Alan McClain, Carol Collins, Deb Lewis, and Renae Schumacher; William Farhat, Fire Chief; Greg Megaard, Deputy Fire Chief; Dustin Tetrault, Deputy Chief (arrived 8:41 am); Alecia Fischer, Administrative Officer; Mara Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Trustee Matt Dodd

a. Introduction of visitors and guests

Battalion Chief Barker, Battalion Chief Sheil, Captain Bolton, Captain Hamel, Firefighter DuComb, Firefighter Farmer, Firefighter Ketschek, Firefighter Lee, Firefighter M. Mohr, Firefighter Parker, and President Local 4732 Firefighter John Foster

2. Public comment for items not on the agenda

- President Foster, on behalf of Local 4732, thanked Chief Farhat for all the work he has put into the community over the years. As well as, cultivating the labor management relationship as he has and again mentioned how special it is. President Foster also offered to help in anyway needed if a search committee is formed to find a new chief.

3. Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of draft minutes of December 18, 2019 Regular Meeting

b. Financial Reports for December 2019

c. Monthly Financial Statements

d. Check Register: Checks 6118152 – 6118232

e. Correspondence

- **Motion Made and Seconded by Trustee Collins and Trustee Lewis to approve the consent agenda of January 22, 2020 as presented.** Passed unanimously

4. Chief’s Report – See Board Packet for Report

5. New Business

a. 2020-2021 Annual Budget Adoption and 2021-2022 Annual Budget Discussion

- **Motion Made and Seconded by Trustee Collins and Trustee Lewis to adopt the 2020-2021 Annual Budget as presented.** Passed unanimously

b. Sole Stone Reimbursement Ambulance Billing Contract

- Sole Stone had some structure changes in regards to billing and some claims were not processed in the required timeframe.
- Trustee Lewis asked if Sole Stone has insurance to cover lost revenue due to their error. No one knew the answer, but Officer Fischer will ask John.
- Trustee Collins questioned if signing the contract would lock us in for the full year. Officer Fischer advised that either party can opt out with 90 day notice.
- Chief Megaard and Officer Fischer both believe staying with Sole Stone for a year is the best thing to do at this time.
- **Motion Made and Seconded by Trustee McClain and Trustee Collins enter into a one year contract with Sole Stone.** Passed Unanimously

c. Multi-Year Interlocal Agreement with Big Sky Resort Area District Discussion

- Chief Farhat presented a draft of a Multi-year Interlocal Agreement that he sent to Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD) as well. The new attorney for BSRAD has advised that they are able to enter into a Multi-Year Agreement with BSFD similar to the one they have with the Sheriff Department.

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6. Old Business

- a. ESCI Standards of Cover Document Progress Update and Possible Presentation
 - The report is complete. Chief Farhat recommends the Board read the report and ask the staff to come up with recommendations how to meet the needs outlined in the report.
 - The Board does not think ESCI needs to come present the report.
- b. Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD) 1% for Infrastructure Update
 - BSRAD is not able to fund the Big Sky Water & Sewer District, as well as, the BSFD using the 1% for Infrastructure. Therefore, BSFD will not be part of the 1% for Infrastructure.
- c. Fire Chief Search Committee Update
 - Trustee McClain communicated with an outside source briefly. Trustee McClain and Trustee Collins met with some members of the department and at this time agree to take their time and use any outside sources at this time.

7. Other Business

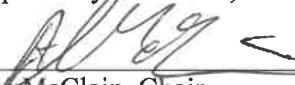
- a. Chief Farhat’s Farewell Appreciation Open House Friday, January 24 3:00-5:00 pm
- b. Warrant Signature List
 - **Motion Made and Seconded by Trustee Collins and Trustee Schumacher to remove Chief Farhat from the Warrant Signature Authorization list. Passed unanimously**
- c. Chief Farhat Exit Interview – Possible Closed Session
 - Entered Closed Session at 9:28 am
 - Out of Closed Session at 10:04 am

8. Public Comment

9. Date for next regular meeting – February 19, 2020 at 8:30 am (changed from February 26, 2020)

10. Adjournment – 10:07 am

Respectfully submitted,



Alan McClain, Chair



Board Member

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✓