

**BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT “BSFD”
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Alan McClain at 8:30 am

Present: Trustees Alan McClain, Carol Collins, Matt Dodd, Debra Lewis, and Renae Schumacher; Greg Megaard, Fire Chief; Dustin Tetrault, Deputy Chief; Seth Barker, Deputy Chief; Alecia Fischer, Administrative Officer; Mara Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

a. Introduction of visitors and guests

Battalion Chief Pruiett, Captain Loomis, Captain Gras, Captain Bolton, Firefighter Clark, Firefighter Migel, Firefighter Farmer, Firefighter Parker, President Local 4732 Firefighter John Foster, Ryan Blechta, and Jon Olsen with Lone Mountain Land Company/Spanish Peaks.

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

3. Consent Agenda Items

a. Approval of draft minutes of January 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

b. Financial Reports for January 2021

c. Check Register: Checks 6118880 – 6118938

d. Correspondence

- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Trustee Collins and Trustee Lewis to approve the consent agenda as presented. Passed Unanimously

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

5. New Business

a. Fire Chief Performance Review – Establish Committee

- Trustee McClain and Trustee Collins will meet to collaborate on the Fire Chief Review process and format. Trustee Collins and Trustee Lewis are the Fire Chief Review Committee.

b. Renewal of Sole Stone Reimbursement Ambulance Billing Contract

- Chief Megaard presented the contract with Sole Stone Reimbursement that was renewed for one (1) year.

6. Old Business

a. 2021-2022 Annual Fiscal Budget Discussion

- There will be a final budget presented at March's meeting.

b. 2021 – 2022 Big Sky Resort Area District Discussion

- BSRAD is still working on the Interlocal Agreement to present to BSFD for board approval. Chief Megaard reviewed all of the dates pertaining to this year's application and allocation process. BSRAD has decided that there will only be one allocation this year.

c. Local 4732 Union Contract Negotiation Update

- Chief Megaard stated that through great collaboration with the Local 4732 and BSFD Administration a tentative agreement has been reached. The three year agreement consists of a 3% salary increase, a small increase in MERP, and increasing longevity from 21 years to 25 years all in the first year. The second year will include a 4% increase in salary. The third year will include a 4% increase in salary, as well as, a 1% increase in the 457(b). Once the contract is final it will be presented to the board.

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- d. CARES Act Reimbursement Update
 - Chief Megaard has been trying to determine when BSFD will receive the CARES Act Reimbursement. The Gallatin County Finance Director notified Chief Megaard that she has submitted BSFD’s first request for processing.
- e. Spanish Peaks ODP Update
 - Chief Megaard stated that it has been a good collaboration process. Both parties agree that things are moving forward in a positive direction. There is a meeting March 4, 2021 to potentially finalize the contract.

7. Other Business

- a. BSFD Board of Trustees Election Update
 - According to the Gallatin County Election Department two people submitted Declaration for Nomination and Oath of Candidacy forms for the two open positions – Matt Dodd and Debra Lewis.
- b. Firefighter Resignation
 - Firefighter Aaron Kammann has turned in his letter of resignation with his final day being April 9, 2021. He has accepted a new position with Fish, Wildlife, and Parks as a game warden.
- c. BSFD 50th Anniversary Decal
 - Chief Megaard stated that the 50th anniversary decals have arrived and challenge coins are on order.


8. Public Comment

- a. President of Local 4732 Firefighter John Foster wanted to acknowledge that as a result of the Local’s recent election Firefighter Parker is now the Vice President of Local 4732 replacing Firefighter DuBois and Captain Loomis remains as the Treasurer. President Foster also mentioned that there are several bills currently in legislation that might affect how the union and the department interact and if needed he will update the board.

9. Date for next regular meeting – March 24, 2021 at 8:30 am

10. Adjournment – 9:05 am

Respectfully submitted,



Alan McClain, Chair



Board Member

- cc:
- Board of Trustees
 - Fire Chief Greg Megaard
 - Local 4732
 - ✓Gallatin County Board of Commissioners
 - ✓Gallatin County Clerk & Records Office
 - ✓Madison County Clerk & Records Office