

BIG SKY FIRE DEPARTMENT "BSFD"
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 28, 2015

Introduction of visitors and guests

John Foster – Big Sky Fire Department FF/EMT

1. Call to Order

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

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

2. Public Comment

- Firefighter Foster announced that there is a Montana State Firefighters Association conference August 2-5, 2016 that will be held in Big Sky. The union pays the associated costs to host the conference.
- Trustee Reeves announced that former Big Sky Fire Department Board of Trustees member, Doug Gale, had passed away.

3. Consent Agenda Items - Action Required:

- a. Approval of draft minutes of September 23, 2015 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval of draft minutes of September 24, 2015 Special Meeting
- c. Financial Reports for September 2015
- d. Monthly Financial Statements
- e. Check Register: Checks 6115010 - 6115072
 - **Motion Made and Seconded** by Carol Collins and Steve Johnson to approve the consent agenda items of the October 28, 2015 regular meeting, as presented. Passed 4/1; Trustee Reeves did not have a chance to review the material and therefore did not vote to pass the motion.

4. Fire Chief's Report – William Farhat

See report included in board packet.

5. Correspondence

See correspondence included in board packet.

6. New Business

- a. Citizen Recognition Certificate
 - This will be addressed at the November board meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Addition of Big Sky Fire District to Big Sky Fire Department name
 - **Motion Made and Seconded** by Carol Collins and Steve Johnson approve Resolution 2015-1003 changing the name of the Big Sky Fire Department to include aka Big Sky Fire District. Passed Unanimously
- b. Firefighter Hiring Process Update
 - Chief Farhat provided statistics (included in board packet) that outlines the number of consortium participants, individuals who expressed interest in Big Sky Fire Department,

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actual applicants and interviewees. Four positions were offered, three accepted. The three new employees will be starting mid-November.

- Alecia Fischer stated that two of the new employees are still looking for housing.
- A committee to discuss the residency requirement will meet to review the issues and options will be comprised of Trustee McClain, Trustee Reeves, Chief Farhat and Local 4732 representatives.

c. Deputy Fire Chief Position Update

- Chief Farhat updated the Board on his concerns with the ESCI deputy chief recruitment process to date. The gentleman that was handling the recruitment has been relieved of our project. Lane Wintermute and the former CEO (current senior advisor) of ESCI will be restarting the recruitment process.
- Chief Farhat would like to give ESCI the opportunity to correct the issues and complete the process. If ESCI is not able to follow through; he will research other recruitment companies.
- Chief Farhat stated that he has thought about hiring a sub-contractor to assist with some of the projects until a deputy fire chief is hired and will talk to the Big Sky Resort Tax Board to inform them of the situation and discuss funding of the position.

d. ESCI Master Plan Update

- Chief Farhat has reviewed the master plan draft and has been in communication with ESCI. ESCI may be available to present the final document at the November meeting if it is completed.

e. Briefing by David Fowler, Architect, on Station #1 Renovation

- Chief Farhat stated that the project is at the point of deciding if funding should be approved for a renovation of Station #1. Chief Farhat suggested forming a committee to analyze how to proceed with the renovation.
- Trustee Johnson proposed looking at options for a new station.
- Trustee McClain appointed a committee to discuss the topic and appointed Trustee Collins, Trustee Johnson, Chief Farhat and David Fowler.

8. Other Business

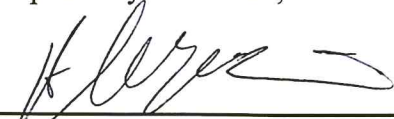
- a. BSFD Halloween Event – October 31st 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 - Set-up will begin at 9:00am; all hands on deck.
- b. BSFD Christmas Party – December 5th @ Bucks T4

9. Public Comment - None


10. Date for next regular meeting - Thursday, November 19, 2015 @ 8:30 am
Wednesday, December 16, 2015 @ 8:30am

11. Adjourn 9:53 am

Respectfully submitted,



Alan McClain, Chair



Steve Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer

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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