

**BIG SKY FIRE DISTRICT “BSFD”  
MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING OF MARCH 28, 2018**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Alan McClain at 8:31 am

Present: Trustees Alan McClain, Carol Collins, Steve Johnson, Renae Schumacher and Tom Reeves (via telephone conference); William Farhat, Fire Chief; Greg Megaard, Deputy Chief; Alecia Fischer, Office Administrator; Mara Mitchell, Administrative Assistant

a. Introduction of visitors and guests

Big Sky Fire Department: President Local 4732 Firefighter John Foster, Battalion Chief Sheil, Captain Hamel, Firefighter Mohr, Firefighter Ketschek, Firefighter DuComb, Firefighter Phillips, and Firefighter Nowlin

Members of the Public: Deb Lewis and Matt Dodd

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

**3. Consent Agenda Items**

a. Approval of draft minutes of February 28, 2018 Regular Meeting

b. Financial Reports for February 2018

c. Monthly Financial Statements

d. Check Register: Checks 6116807 – 6116864, including voided check 6116855

e. Correspondence

- **Motion Made and Seconded** by Carol Collins and Steve Johnson to approve the consent agenda items of March 28, 2018. Passed Unanimously

**4. Fire Chief’s Report**

a. Chief Farhat stated that the sad death that we recently were faced with in our community is a reminder that our community, as great as it is, is not in a bubble and tragic things do happen here. It also reinforces the reason we are constantly training and recruiting to maintain the best crew possible, especially in tragic events.

**5. New Business - None**

**6. Old Business**

a. Station 1 and 2 remodel projects update

- Still working on pricing and finalizing a contract.

b. New Engine 1243 project update

- Week 5 photos included in the board packet

c. Station 1 land acquisition

- Chief Farhat presented the \$100,000 offer to Mr. McBride which was not accepted. Mr. McBride and his brother feel it is worth more. No further action needed at this time.

d. Training Facility on Big Sky Water/Sewer Property Update

- Eryn Schwehr with ELS Architects put together some preliminary drawings. Chief Farhat is going to ask her to make some changes in color and the number of containers and will reevaluate.

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- e. Approval of 2018-2019 Annual Budget
  - See board packet for proposed budget
  - **Motion Made and Seconded by Steve Johnson and Carol Collins to approve the 2018-2019 Annual Budget as presented.** Passed Unanimously
- f. Multi-year funding agreement with BSRAD
  - At this time BSRAD will not enter into a multi-year agreement with BSFD. Chief Farhat has asked Kim Christopherson to look into the issue to determine if BSFD should continue to pursue a multi-year agreement or not.
- g. Approval 2018-2019 Big Sky Resort Area District Capital Request
  - This is not just a capital request due to the BSRAD denying the multiple year request.
  - **Motion Made and Seconded by Carol Collins and Steve Johnson to approve the 2018-2019 Big Sky Resort Area District Request as presented.** Passed Unanimously
- h. Approval of three year contract with IAFF Local 4732
  - Trustee McClain commented on the large amount of information contained in the contract. Chief Farhat agreed that the contract has a lot of detailed information, but there are not many changes.
  - **Motion Made and Seconded by Carol Collins and Steve Johnson to approve the three year contract with IAFF Local 4732 as presented.** Passed Unanimously
  - President Foster stated that in the new contract there is coverage through AFLAC for a cancer policy and that Montana is one of three states in the Union that has no presumptive health. The fact that the AFLAC cancer coverage is included in the contract will stand out in the state on top of a very good contract to begin with.
  - Deputy Chief Megaard stated that the relationship between labor and administration in BSFD is unheard of in the state. Chief Megaard believes BSFD is setting the bar as far as how unions and administration should sit down and work together.
- i. Spanish Peaks Foundation Grant Request Update
  - No update at this time.

**7. Other Business**

- Chief Megaard is working to pursue a grant through Firehouse Subs

**8. Public Comment**

**9. Date for next regular meeting – April 27, 2018 at 8:30 am**

**10. Adjournment – 9:32 am**

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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