



**CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

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MEETING PLACE: Central Valley Fire District, Station 1
215 Wings Way, Belgrade, MT

DATE: December 13, 2022

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: (Present) (Absent)

Trustees:

Ty Elliot, Chair		X
Tim Sheehy, Vice Chair	X	
Mark MacLeod, Sec/Treas.	X	
Justin Varley		X
Ron Murray	X	
<i>Fire Chief:</i> Greg Tryon	X	
<i>Fire Marshal:</i> Jake Zlomie	X	
<i>Fire Life Safety Spec.</i> Brandon Yung	X	
<i>Operations Chief:</i> Justin Monroe	X	
<i>Acting Clerk:</i> Deb Bloem	X	
<i>City Representative:</i> Jim Simon	X	

NOTICE: **ALL MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD
OF TRUSTEES ARE RECORDED**

GUESTS/VISITORS:

Promotional Ceremony: Johanna McGearty, Bill and Deana Taylen, George and Josie McAdams, Marilyn and Jim Breisacher, John McAdams, Jennifer, Parker, Payton and Presley Pitman, Molly McGearty and McGearty Kids, Greta Bradford, Mike Shiffman, Danielle, Xander and Hollis Cameron, Joseph Velasquez, Jason Wheeler, Patrick Lonergan

Chief Tryon greeted the friends and family attending the **Promotional Ceremony for Lieutenants:**

Jason Anderson

Matt Polzin

Jeff Royce

Chris Cameron

Jordan McGearty

Dustin Pitman

Steve Sorlie

Stephen McAdams

Steve Sorlie has been promoted on to Captain as the **new Training Officer.**

Family members performed the **pinning.** This was followed by **Vice Chairman Sheehy administering the oath of office** to the new Lieutenants and Captain Sorlie.

Board Meeting Guest:

Patrick Lonergan

Meeting was called to order after the ceremony at **5:55 p.m.**

Vice Chairman Sheehy led a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA:

As presented with change only in sequence.

PRESENTATION:

Chief Tryon introduced Patrick Lonergan, Chief of Gallatin County Emergency Management.

Chief Lonergan provided a program overview of the GCEM organization, reviewing:

- Emergency Management
- Wildfire Program
- Hazardous Materials Program

He reminded the Board that many government agreements or programs will require Board Chair signatures.

In 2024, the Emergency Mitigation Plan will be updated. It will be important for GCEM to receive input for this update.

The Board thanked Chief Lonergan for his presentation.

MINUTES:

Trustee Murray moved to approve the **November 8, 2022 minutes** as submitted. Trustee MacLeod seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Trustee MacLeod moved to approve **the financial reports**. Trustee Murray seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The department received a thank you note from a resident who shared an encouraging note of a family member's **recovery** after two CVFD responses. A donation and note of appreciation were received from another resident who has generously provided funds for special holiday meals for the crews over the past three years, in **memory of her son**. The District also received an invitation to an Open House by the **Reese Creek Community**.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

[NOTE CHANGE OF ORDER TO ENSURE QUORUM]

ACTION ITEM:

Consideration and Possible Approval of Interlocal Agreement with the City of Belgrade for Office Space Use at Station 1.

Chief Tryon explained the need of the City of Belgrade for **office space** for its three engineers. The open area on the administrative side of Station 1 is already furnished with desks which are not being used. The Engineering Department at the City and the Fire Prevention staff at CVFD already find it necessary to communicate frequently regarding projects in the city, so being in the same building should be beneficial. The City of Belgrade will provide

fiber optic service through Blackfoot Communications in exchange for the office space use.

Trustee MacLeod moved to authorize Chief Tryon to sign the **Interlocal Agreement with the City of Belgrade for the use of office space at Station 1**. Trustee Murray seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

As submitted.

Chief Tryon reported on some of the new roles that the Administrative staff have taken on. The Community Risk Reduction Team of FM Zlomie and FLSS Yung will sit on the committee to update **County Subdivision Regulations** on behalf of the Fire Council. FM Zlomie has also agreed to be the Secretary for the Fire Council. Chief Tryon will sit on the Board for the **Belgrade Chamber of Commerce** and a County Commission to manage **County investments**.

Chief Tryon will attend the DNRC Land Board meeting in Helena next week where they will review the lease by the District of 3 acres for the **future Station at Thorpe and Frank**.

Chief Tryon expressed appreciation for all the work that **FLSS Yung** has done to keep the facilities up and running and to resolve many issues.

Station 2 is being transitioned into a **Resident Station** and will have two volunteer firefighters responding from it at some point soon.

The auditor hopes to present the **FY22 Audit** at the next meeting. The District will receive \$34,600 from the **State Medicaid IGT** program to help offset some of the costs of EMS transports not covered by Medicaid. The State has not agreed to participate in the Federal GEMT Program which covers all the actual costs of transport for Medicaid patients.

The **FY24 Budget process** will begin soon.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

As submitted.

DC Monroe reported that **BC Jason Wheeler** will be retiring next month. There will then be two BC positions open, with the

creation of D Shift. A hiring cycle has begun for four firefighter positions.

Chief Tryon will teach an **Ethical Leadership Class** for the new officers. The new shift schedule will begin on January 8th.

DC Monroe submitted the **Staffing and Overtime SOP** for the Board to review. The Board members in attendance approved of the SOP.

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT: As submitted.

FM Zlomie reported that the department is making progress moving to First Due for **records' management**.

Adoption of the **2021 Fire Code** by the State will likely be in January of 2023 and as CVFD adopts this Fire Code, it will be a good opportunity to review the current **fee schedule**.

A new **CVFD website** is being launched. There continues to be an increase in social media interest.

Due to some structural issues, a stop work order has been issued to a large commercial project in the Yellowstone Airport Plaza and the hope is that those problems are being resolved.

LOCAL 4939 REPORT: None.

TRUSTEE REPORT: Trustee Murray plans to be a **liaison to the CVFD Volunteers**, particularly regarding the use of Station 2.

CITY LIAISON REPORT: **City Council Member Simon** will again be the **City Representative** to the CVFD Board Meetings, with City Council Member Doyle as an alternate.

With the recent departure from the meeting, of Trustee Murray, **the Board Reports will be approved at the January meeting.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS:


DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next regular meeting of the Central Valley Fire District Board of Trustees is scheduled for **December 13, 2022.**

ADJOURNMENT:

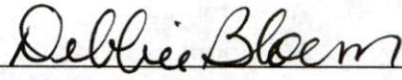
The meeting was adjourned at **6:50 p.m.**



Ty Elliot, Chairman



Mark MacLeod, Secretary/Treasurer

ATTEST: 

Debbie Bloem, Clerk