



**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:** January 10, 2023

**TIME:** Immediately following the 5:30 p.m. IFC Board of Appeals  
Quarterly Meeting.

**ATTENDANCE:** (Present) (Absent)

**Trustees:**

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

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

**GUESTS/VISITORS:** Brad Appleton, Rob Holt, Mo Holt, Dustin Pitman, Jason Anderson, Nick Tucker, Dylan White, Cody Lipperd

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Chairman Elliot led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA:** As presented, with the recognition of BC Wheeler's retirement and the presentation by City Manager Neil Cardwell postponed to a future meeting.

**MINUTES:** Trustee MacLeod moved to approve the **December 13, 2022 minutes** as submitted. Trustee Murray seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** Trustee Varley moved to approve **the financial reports**. Trustee **MacLeod** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Belgrade News published an article about **Battalion Chief Wheeler's years of service and retirement** and another article about the **closing of Station 2** and the need to move resources in the District. NBC also did a story on the closure which may be found at: <https://nbcmontana.com/news/local/central-valley-fire-districts-will-convert-fire-station-no-2>

CVFD's **Fire Marshal Zlomie** received a thank you from the Belgrade Community Library for coordinating several fire department programs with the help of **Defensive Firefighter Katie Godfrey**, who is on the library staff.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** **Maureen Holt** of Gee Norman Road expressed concern over the **closing of Station 2 and how it will impact responses** to the Springhill Road area. **Fire Chief Tryon** explained the low percentage of calls in the area of Station 2 and the advantage of providing more than just minimum staffing at the fire stations that are fully staffed to improve emergency responses. Two volunteer residents have begun to occupy Station 2 and will be responding from that Station. In the future, the hope is to staff

Station 5, at the north end of Springhill with resident volunteers and develop an emergency response with a group of volunteers, specific to Reese Creek's Station 4.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT:**

As submitted.

**Fire Chief Tryon** reported that the District has now received the paperwork for the **land lease** from DNRC for the future location of Station 6 at Thorpe and Frank Roads. The \$300,000 cost was included in the FY23 budget.

The **Station 2 volunteer residents** are currently training to the level of Firefighter 1 to provide fire response as well as Basic EMS response from Station 2 in a Brush Truck. The volunteers will continue their training to drive other apparatus and provide BLS transport of patients.

In partnership with the State of Montana, on-line **Rural EMT training** has begun which will progress to hands on training with CVFD staff.

The **Positive Pay System** to protect the County accounts from check fraud has been implemented.

**OPERATIONS REPORT:**

As submitted.

Fire Chief Tryon added appreciation from himself and DC Monroe to Nick Johnson for his work on the Volunteer Residents program. He added that calls increased by 8%.

**FIRE PREVENTION REPORT:** As submitted.

**Fire Marshal Zlomie** went over his report, adding that more information will be coming regarding the use of Safe Built for **plan review services**. He also reviewed the information in his report regarding permits and social media for 2022.

There is some concern over future **legislation** regarding impact fees as well as ensuring the presence of public safety representation on a committee for emergency Management in the State.

**LOCAL 4939 REPORT:**

**Union President Dustin Pitman** expressed added appreciation to **Firefighter Nick Johnson** for his work with the Resident Volunteer Program and for **Fire Marshal Zlomie's** work to make the



department accessible through social media. After the recent delay in moving to the four-platoon model, the firefighters are hopeful that the Board and management will find ways to improve funding to help with staffing and continue to be aware of legislation that affects emergency services. President Pitman also noted that the volunteers currently with the department are showing real dedication of their time and efforts.

**TRUSTEE REPORT:**

**Trustee Murray** reported that Representative Hinkle will be at Fire Station 1, to meet with Chief Tryon, himself and another trustee, if desired, to discuss the affects of **legislation** on the fire service. The meeting will be at 4:00 pm on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. **Trustee MacLeod and Fire Marshal Zlomie** are working on implementing a program to make **green reflective address signs** available in order to facilitate emergency responses in the District.

**CITY LIAISON REPORT:**

**Council Member Simon** reported that the City has migrated to a new web address at [mt.gov](http://mt.gov). Council Member Doyle will attend the February meeting.

The reports from the previous meeting were not able to be approved due to the loss of a quorum after the reports were presented, therefore:

Trustee Murray moved to accept **the reports** from the December 13, 2022 meeting, as submitted. Trustee MacLeod seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Trustee Varley moved to accept **the reports** from this meeting as submitted. Trustee Murray seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**None.**

Trustee Varley moved to that the meeting go into **executive session** for the privacy of an individual in the discussion of a

personnel matter. Trustee Murray seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was reopened.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next regular meeting of the Central Valley Fire District Board of Trustees is scheduled for **February 14, 2023.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

  
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**Ty Elliot, Chairman**

  
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**Mark MacLeod, Secretary/Treasurer**

ATTEST:   
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**Debbie Bloem, Clerk**