



**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: June 13, 2023

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	
Fire Chief: Greg Tryon	X	
Fire Marshal: Jake Zlomie	X	
Operations Chief: Justin Monroe	X	
Acting Clerk: Deb Bloem	X	
City Representative: Jim Simon	X	

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OF TRUSTEES ARE RECORDED

GUESTS/VISITORS: Rob and Mo Holt, Collin Brozka, Dustin Pitman, Makenzie Henning, Briana Scherrer, Brinn Fiorentino, Nick Johnson, Mike Liebmann, Gabriel McManus, Mitch Davis, Jeff Royce

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Elliot led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: As presented.

MINUTES: Trustee Varley moved to approve the **May 16, 2023 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: A request from the DNRC for annexation of the Frank and Thorpe property into the City of Belgrade has been received for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION: Lieutenant Mitch Davis and Lieutenant Jeff Royce were introduced to provide a presentation on the CVFD Wildland Program.

Lt. Davis explained that there are many facets of a wildland program, including, funding, time commitments, logistics, training, response readiness and rehabilitation of equipment. He went over initial attack vs extended attack; local (CVFD) vs DNRC vs County roles and partnerships; and DNRC funding to cover costs to the Department. CVFD is located in a Wildland Urban Interface area and members bring a lot of experience fighting wildland fires including experience and training to provide command staff to coordinate response. The DNRC supports the department with training and a wildland firefighting apparatus in the form of a brush truck.

Lt. Royce provided insight into the different methods of requesting wildland fire resources and responding to the requests from around the State as well as the reimbursement for these resources. He added the advantages to the department in the form of funding and experience. Lt. Royce also went over some of the requirements for department and member readiness to fight a wildland fire.

The Wildland Program is a vital part of Central Valley Fire District and the surrounding areas.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

As submitted.

Chief Greg Tryon reported that the **Reese Creek Community Pancake Breakfast** went well and this coming weekend the **CVFD Volunteer Firefighters Association** will have their pancake breakfast at Station 2.

The Aflac representative made a presentation regarding **health insurance options** for this fiscal year.

It is necessary to purchase different **radios** in order to proceed with the move to the 800 MHz radio system. Due to some State requirements the radios must be dual purpose and able to work with both the 800 and VHF systems. The City of Belgrade has been collecting impact fees that could be used for the purchase of these radios, but another issue is receiving the radios due to supply chain issues.

ISO will be reviewing the department in July. They rate based on Dispatch, the water system and the fire department. CVFD currently has a very good rating, which may change with this review. Preparation for this visit has helped us to identify some issues in some of the commercial buildings in the District.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

As submitted.

DC Justin Monroe thanked the trustees who were able to attend graduation. He reviewed some of the structure fires which the department responded to this month. Staffing continues to be an issue, especially for paramedics.

DC Monroe participated in the annual table top response exercise with the airport and noted that CVFD will be hosting a Paratech class to provide some rescue training to departments in the area.

The **new apparatus** is progressing through the final steps towards delivery, with ground ladders to be delivered in July or August. DC Monroe went to Billings for the **Montana Firefighting Testing Consortium's** annual firefighter testing where 120 prospective firefighters were in attendance.

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT: As submitted.

Fire Marshal Jake Zlomie met with **Fire Marshals from Bozeman and Big Sky Fire Departments** to discuss inspection methods and putting together a Fire Inspector course.

He is looking into a **third-party reporting company** to provide an online portal to connect the property owner with the fire department and the service provider in the inspection process.

The last **ISO** review was in 2017, and their representative is planning to meet with CVFD on July 20th for the review this year. Part of this evaluation includes providing response information for 45 properties of ISO's choosing.

Fire Marshal Zlomie continues to prepare for the fee schedule update and to see growth in the District.

LOCAL 4939 REPORT:

As submitted.

Union President Pitman reported that staffing continues to be an issue. Members are stepping up to cover minimum staffing. He expressed appreciation for the trustees who attended the GVFA graduation and invited the trustees to schedule a ride along to experience some of what the firefighters do. The membership is happy to help with the next hiring process as well as educating the residents about the need for the mill levy.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

None.

CITY LIAISON REPORT:

Council Member Jim Simon reported that one of the City wells needed repair and there are plans to dig more wells to provide for the need due to growth.

Trustee Varley moved to accept **the reports** as submitted. Trustee MacLeod seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

ACTION ITEMS:

Consideration and Approval of Resolution 222310 Calling for an Election to Authorize a Mill Levy.

Chief Tryon distributed a document with a projection of current and future needs for the District. He also provided a document with a summary of the current mills and projections of what additional numbers of mills would provide the department. The voters must be informed of how the mill levy will affect both a \$100,000 home and a \$200,000 home. On the tax burden scale, the fire service is in 4th place and these projections will not change that.

The election would be **September 12th** and would be a mail-in ballot.

The decision was made that the Mill Levy request would be permanent, for 20 mills.

Trustee MacLeod moved to **adopt Resolution 222310**, calling for an election to authorize a mill levy of 20 mills in perpetuity. Trustee Murray seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Trustee Varley moved to approve **annexation of the property, purchased for Station 6 on Frank and Thorpe, into the City of Belgrade**. Trustee MacLeod seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Trustee Varley moved to move into **Executive Session** for discussion of a personnel matter. Trustee MacLeod 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 **July 11, 2023**.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



Ty Elliot, Chairman



Mark MacLeod, Secretary/Treasurer

ATTEST: 

Debbie Bloem, Clerk