



**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: July 11, 2023

TIME: Immediately following the 5:30 pm IFC Board of Appeals Meeting

ATTENDANCE:	<u>(Present)</u>	<u>(Absent)</u>
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

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

GUESTS/VISITORS: Rob and Mo Holt, Dana Doney, Stephen McAdams, Chris Cameron

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

Chairman Elliot led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA: As presented.

MINUTES: Trustee Varley moved to approve the June 13, 2023 **minutes** as submitted. Trustee MacLeod seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: **The Farm Fair** sent a thank you note for the department's participation in and EMS coverage for their annual event. Fire Marshal Zlomie and CVFD received thank you notes for **a school tour**.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Rob Holt** brought up the new property value assessments which were received by residents in the past month. This brought up concerns about the timing of the mill levy request. Discussion followed regarding the ramifications of the assessments on the upcoming mill levy election. **Tim Sheehy** expressed appreciation for his time of service to the department and willingness to continue to support the firefighters.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: As submitted.

Chief Greg Tryon reported that the CVFD Volunteer Association **Pancake Breakfast** at Station 2 was a great success. This, along with the recent pancake breakfast by the Reese Creek Community at Station 4, were excellent for outreach and fundraising. These fundraisers provide money for items such as a Public Access Defibrillator.

The **employee health insurance** will be changed from Cigna to Blue Cross to save some money as well as provide some options for members, including moving from an HRA to an HSA.

The County is continuing work on an **EMS study**, including the 14 departments in the area. As AMR struggles to provide paramedics for ALS transports, it often falls to CVFD to fill the gap for the areas that do

not provide EMS transport. The County is exploring a way to provide funding for that gap.

Chief Tryon thanked the Board for **this past year as Fire Chief** and added that he is excited about the future of the department.

OPERATIONS REPORT:

As submitted.

Chief Tryon noted that DC Monroe is moving to the position of **Battalion Chief**.

FIRE PREVENTION REPORT:

As submitted.

Fire Marshal Zlomie reported that he applied for and received a \$5,000 grant for the department from **FM Global**. These funds will be used for fire prevention for some iPads and camera equipment.

FLSS Yung and Lt. Mitch Davis successfully tested for their Fire Investigation Technician certification.

ISO is conducting their evaluation of CVFD next week. In preparation some fire suppression issues in the District have been identified and are being addressed.

SafeBuilt is a company that the department has engaged to help as a third-party inspection service when appropriate.

Fiber for internet at Station 1 is at the property and should be connected soon, providing faster, more reliable service.

The **new fee schedule** became effective on July 1st.

LOCAL 4939 REPORT:

None.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

None.

CITY LIAISON REPORT:

None.

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Review and Discussion of Mill Levy Plans.

Chief Tryon began by explaining that the property tax estimates that were send out to residents did not adjust the mill values down appropriately to the new property values, so are overestimated.

Chief Tryon then went over the different revenue scenarios and uncertainties. The value of the mills for the District will not be known until the latter part of August. The challenge is making the decision, with limited information, to leave the mill levy request as is or adjust the amount or the timing. Any change will push the election back to November.

Discussion followed. Additional revenue is needed for the District due to the growth in the area; in order to hire additional staff, train paramedics and build a station. The decision was made to leave the request at **20 additional permanent mills**, due to funding needs, and considering that impact fees cannot be collected in the District outside of the City of Belgrade.

ACTION ITEMS: No action is necessary.

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 6:39 p.m.



Ty Elliot, Chairman



Mark MacLeod, Secretary/Treasurer

ATTEST: 

Debbie Bloem, Clerk