

# Fort Ellis Fire Service Area

## Public Meeting

### Fort Ellis Fire Service Area Board of Trustees

Date: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fort Ellis Fire Department

## Officers Present:

President Todd Kaiser, Treasurer Gerald Groggel

## Members Present

Jaclyn Liebscher, Graham Goff

## Chief Present

Chief Mike Cech (via Zoom), Frank Boynton

## Guests

Lola Dunmire & Ben Kauffman (via Zoom)

## Call to Order 7:47pm

## Public Comment

No public comments.

## Consent Agenda

### ***Secretary Report***

The minutes from the January Board meeting were issued via email and each board member acknowledged receipt. Graham made a motion to approve the minutes. Gerry seconded. Motion carried.

### ***Financial Report***

The January 2023 YTD financial report was issued via email and presented at the meeting. Graham moved to approve the Financial Report for the Fire Service Area. It was decided to table this discussion until next meeting.

Lola went over the P&L sheet with possible tax funds coming in soon. Expect to get another chunk after May.

P&L By Class discussion.

Balance sheet and discussion on documentation, expenses and the allocations for each category for the new fire station.

Discussion on the First Security loan and building reserve.

Discussion on the approval of the R&R Taylor check. Graham will see that Bill gets the check and will get an updated schedule.

Discussion on the timing of the financials coming out not in the allotted 48 hrs. Can the Board do anything to help get them out? It was a software issue. The Board is not comfortable approving the financials tonight.

## ***Regular Agenda***

### **Annual Events Calendar- February**

Insurance for vehicles has been paid.

Building Committee Meeting scheduled on March 9<sup>th</sup> Gerry, Norbert, Mike, Frank, and Buck will attend. A report from the committees will be presented for the Board. Gerry will make the request via email.

## ***Chief's Report***

### **Call Report for January 2022**

Total Calls 22 - Last year 16

Strong month for MVA's with the weather causing icy roads.

### **Long Range Planning Committee**

Graham shared the construction update-

Frame is going up. Graham has requested the construction schedule.

Discussion on the use of the contingency for winter conditions. Graham is sure he is going to be asking for a change order. It has been requested that Bill come to the next meeting and discuss the progress and contingency.

Discussion on windows above the bay doors. Ben Lloyd has offered to donate most of the cost. Graham has confirmed the cost with Bill.

Discussion on the well. Diamond M wants to drill while the ground is frozen. The spot has been picked out and Bill has talked with Potts, and they're fine with Diamond M going ahead. Bill will coordinate with Diamond M.

Frank reported on the furniture plan for the new station. A list is being made for the Boards approval. There was more discussion on the organization and the moving process. Fosdal's office may have some furniture to donate.

Discussion on the HVAC system and humidity with the drying racks.

Working on a detailed plan for moving day.

Need to order the furniture soon, hoping for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April for an outlined plan. Waiting on the final approval from Mike.

Mike got a quote for the PPE racks and looking with Bannack for grants and donations at this time.

Discussion on outside storage for gasoline and flammables. Graham will check on the outside storage plans.

Discussion on the Equipment replacement plan and the need for new radios. Experimenting using a direct channel in February with some reported communication issues so far. Mike is working with the vendor and will have an 800mhz system in trucks and 16 portables ordered.

Apparatus Committee is discussing a new engine spec. Frank is looking into the specifics of what our needs will be. There have been thoughts on a rear-mounted pump to make space. Discussion on Rosenbauer timetable and cost.

More to be discussed in the Apparatus meeting with the goal to figure out what's needed, cost, and financing.

Jaclyn reported on the Personnel Committee. Nothing yet, next meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Outreach Committee will be helping Vanessa with Give Big to find a business match.

### **Training/Members Report**

Lain and Tim retired at the end of December.

Training- EMT and EMR refresher this year. Getting hours in for recertification.

### **Subdivision Activity**

7 acres on Bozeman Trail and Arnica with 4 lots- Looking for water source.

Discussion on Arrowleaf Hills subdivision. Mike thinks it will fit well.

### **Public Service Outreach Activities**

Nothing to report.

### **Gallatin County Fire Council Activities**

Frank has attended the meetings in Mike's place.

Working on County fire SOG and SOPs with a team. Working to align with the county. Fosdal has been attending those meetings.

Discussion on the County taking their brush truck back. Might want to consider a replacement in time.

### **Update on New Recruits**

2 new recruits doing well.

### **Outreach Update**

Nothing new.

### **Old Business**

Graham will reach out to Bill to see the upcoming construction schedule and will pay R&R Taylor Invoice.

GIS Tax properties discussion. Gerry has discovered addresses that don't exist east of Trail Creek and Jackson Creek. Todd found 10 places and Gerry found 5 so far.

Housing discussions for tax purposes.

Discussion on the Academy and addresses in that area. A list will be sent to Norbert.

Todd will miss the next meeting.

### **New Business**

Discussion on the Cash Flow spreadsheet. More info will be presented at the next meeting.

Discussion on the next meeting to talk about the need for an Intercap loan.

Jaclyn term is up April 1<sup>st</sup>, she will not be seeking to renew it.

***Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 pm***

Next board meeting Thursday, March 16, 2023 @ 7:00 pm at the station with the option to join via zoom. A Zoom link will be added to the website for Public Comments, and all are free to join in person as well.

Certified by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_