

Fort Ellis Fire Service Area

Public Meeting

Fort Ellis Fire Service Area Board of Trustees

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Fort Ellis Fire Department, 3041 Bozeman Trail RD.

Officers Present:

President Todd Kaiser, Vice President Norbert Hackl, Gerald Groggel

Trustees Present

Daniel LaFrance, Graham Goff

Chief Present

Chief Frank Boynton

Guests/Public

None

Public

No public comments.

Call to Order 7:02

Regular Agenda

Long Range Planning-

Frank requested the purchase of a work truck to replace C1-71.

Discussion on the Suburban.

Frank discussed the FY 23/24 expenditures along with the expected expenditures for FY 24/25 to the Board.

Discussion on expenses for the new station and upcoming needs. Need blinds.

Discussion on PPE needs, SCBA's, and vehicles and putting away money.

Discussion on current funds in the PPE reserve. Discussion on combining the SCBA's with the PPE budget.

Discussion on upcoming Radios and copay, and next radio purchases.

Discussion on the budget.

Training yard discussion, cost, and timeline.

Discussion on funds with the last fee increase. Discussion on fee units budgeted for this year.

MT DRIVE school discussion.

Discussion on the purchase of new textbooks for each of the firefighters.

Discussion on the cost of utilities.

Discussion on bookkeeping expenses.

Discussion on tax fees.

Discussion on cost recovery and getting that up and running. It has been discussed with the County Attorney. Frank is hoping to brief the Board soon on this.

Discussion on the Building Fund and what's left in contingency fund.

Norbert will rework the station budget to try to cover the blinds, and carpet squares for the upstairs training area.

Discussion on what cuts can be made.

Discussion on the gutter solutions.

Discussion on the Other Capitol Reserves account.

Discussion on the training building and the move. Gravel road and site work in the training yard will need to be completed. Can upgrade later.

Discussion on Operations and Maintenance needs.

Discussion on the Intercap loan payment.

Discussion on the radio reserve and repurposing some funds for the training building.

Discussion to bump vehicle funds up. Can use cost recovery for the training building.

Need funds for the radio copay from MT DOT.

Audit costs with a goal to complete by June 3, 2024.

Fleet Management Plan-

Discussion on putting away funds for a new engine and other fleet vehicles. AFG grant will be submitted tomorrow. Discussion on a plan for payment.

Discussion on Bannack and grant writing. Frank submitted a list of needs.

Discussion on delaying the training yard.

Discussion on the Montana Department of Transportation rescue tools grant.

Discussion on radios and the need to save.

More discussion on vehicles and what funds are left for the training building and how the cost recovery can help.

More discussion on the budget.

Discussion on funds to be added to the reserve accounts.

Discussion on the ISO rating if we go to 3 stories for the training building.

Discussion on adding funds into vehicle reserve for a new engine.

Discussion on timeframe to save for an engine. Can make it a hybrid and keep our engine for backup.

Discussion on making larger payments to InterCap to lower the interest rate.

Personnel Discussion- Closed meeting in accordance with MCA-2-3-203(3)

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03 pm

Next board meeting Friday, March 22, 2024 @ 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: _____