

August 10, 2015

Attendance: Board: Dean Moburg, Jeff Klemp, Lisa Snodgrass, Charley Shoemaker, Jim Westmoreland

Others: Rick Huhn, Terry Huhn, Adam Rounds, Chris Concannon, Brandon Hannigan, Josh Budke, Dave Asmus, Mr. and Mrs. Budke, Jonathan Meyer, Jim Dyson High Prairie Twp. Trustee, Kirby Brown, Jim Fricke, Jan Roper

Dean Moburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. With the audience present he called for a roll call; all Board members are present.

Charley Shoemaker moved to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. Jim Westmoreland seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Audience Participation: None presented.

Chief's Report: Chief Huhn reported that he met with the roofing contractor and supplies will be delivered on the 24th of August for the roof replacement. On Monday August 17, in conjunction with the Red Cross and University of St. Mary the department will participate in a Smoke Detector Program. They will be canvass Ward #1 and the Country Club addition for distributing smoke detectors. Please call for an appointment. Dean Moburg added that the department helped keep the Band cool during their practice last week.

Jim Westmoreland moved to open the Public Hearing for the 2016 Budget. Lisa Snodgrass seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Audience Participation:

Jim Dyson, High Prairie Trustee, requested the Board to consider the Option #2 that would hire another firefighter for Station #2 in High Prairie.

Jan Roper stated that the response times have dropped because of the manning of Station #2 and would also like to see the Board hire another firefighter to man that station.

With no other comments Dean Moburg asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Jim Westmoreland moved to close the Public Hearing. Lisa Snodgrass seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Items for Action: 1

- a. Dean Moburg opened the discussion on the 2016 Budget by reviewing the Options: #1 would be a step increase and \$50,000 in the Equipment Reserve Fund. #2 would also have a step increase with the hiring of 1 additional firefighter. Jim Westmoreland recommended to accept #2 as a member and resident of High Prairie as this would help the entire District. Jeff Klemp wants to see more data. He said the District is starting to see good data but need more to justify manning the 3rd shift. He would like the funds to remain in the reserve fund. Charley Shoemaker echoed these

sentiments. Lisa Snodgrass is in favor of Option #2 since another firefighter benefits the whole district. More discussion followed.

- b. Charley Shoemaker moved to accept 2016 Budget Option #1. Jeff Klemp seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken. Charley Shoemaker and Jeff Klemp voted for the Option. Jim Westmoreland and Lisa Snodgrass voted against. Dean Moburg abstained. Motion failed.
- c. Jim Westmoreland moved to accept the 2016 Budget with Option #2. Lisa Snodgrass seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken. Jim Westmoreland and Lisa Snodgrass voted for the Option. Charley Shoemaker and Jeff Klemp voted against. Dean Moburg abstained. Motion failed.
- d. Dean Moburg reminded the Board that they needed a budget and that the options were not that far apart. Discussion followed. Jeff Klemp stating that more data for the addition was needed for him to support another firefighter.
- e. Charley Shoemaker moved to accept 2016 Budget Option #1. Jeff Klemp seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken. Charley Shoemaker and Jeff Klemp voted for the option. Jim Westmoreland and Lisa Snodgrass voted against. Dean Moburg abstained. Motion failed.
- f. Charley Shoemaker moved to accept 2016 Budget with Option #1. Jeff Klemp seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken. Charley Shoemaker and Jeff Klemp voted for the option. Jim Westmoreland and Lisa Snodgrass voted against. Dean Moburg abstained. Motion failed.
- g. Dean Moburg put forth a compromise of putting a volunteer at Station #2 on the 3rd shift on a paid basis to get the data needed to hire another firefighter. Jeff Klemp was agreeable to a trial period. Chief Huhn asked how the volunteer would be paid since it isn't budgeted in the 2016 Budget. Jeff Klemp agreed that money would be taken from the reserve fund budget to fund the test to justify the hiring. This test would be no more than 6 months. Jeff Klemp suggested that a 120 day test to gather data on the response times would show justification or not of another hire in 2016. Dean Moburg outlined that this was for 1. Public Safety that all shifts would be covered. 2. Part Time fill of the position produce data to show that it was more economical than a full time hire. Board was alerted that volunteers can only work 999 hours. It was suggested that the test would begin in January for 120 days with the acknowledgment that gaps in the 24 hour shift would occur.

- h. Charley Shoemaker moved to accept 2016 Budget with Option #1. Jeff Klemp seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Motion Passed.

2. Jeff Klemp moved to use volunteers on a paid basis for a 120 test period to man Station #2 starting in January. Charley Shoemaker seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

3. Board By Laws – Jim Westmoreland moved to remove the #17 proxy vote from the amended By Laws. Lisa Snodgrass seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

4. 2014 Audit from Cochran Head Vick & Co., P.A. – Jim Westmoreland moved to accept the audit as submitted. Lisa Snodgrass seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

5. Jim Westmoreland submitted the 2nd Quarter 2015 Treasurer’s Report. Charley Shoemaker moved to accept the report as presented. Lisa Snodgrass seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Board Concerns:

Dean Moburg asked the Board about the Labor Day meeting. It was decided that the Board would meet on September 14th.

Charley Shoemaker asked the Chief about the inspections of the new high school. Was he satisfied? Chief explained that the school building was almost 99% done. A temporary occupancy was granted for the District to use the auditorium for Thursday and Friday but was closed for workmen to complete the room. The State Fire Marshall is coming on Wednesday to inspect. Chief Huhn explained that they were only inspecting what was on the engineer’s drawings for safety. They were working with the school to see that what was supposed to be there was placed and in working order.

Jeff Klemp will give a report to the City of Lansing on September 3 council meeting. Chief Huhn had given him data and photos to support his report.

Lisa Snodgrass moved to adjourn. Jim Westmoreland seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Time was 8:25 PM.

Next Meeting: September 14 at Station #1 at 7:00 PM.

DEAN MOBURG, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TERRY HUHN, BOARD CLERK