

August 4, 2014

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

Others: Rick Huhn, Terry Huhn, Dave Asmus, Joe Gates, Adam Rounds, Josh Budke, Chris Concannon, Tony Masisak, Phil Clark High Prairie Clerk, Gene Kirby Mayor of Lansing, Dave Trinkle Councilman, Andi Pawlowski Councilman, Residents from District and High Prairie

Dean Moburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He welcomed the patrons to the meeting for the Budget Hearing. He asked that the minutes show all Board members are present.

Jim Westmoreland moved to open the public hearing for the 2015 Budget. Charley Shoemaker seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Dean Moburg gave an overview of the published budget and the options that the Board has in passing it or a lower budget for the District for 2015.

Some patrons thought this meeting was for building a new station in High Prairie. The Board explained that they would need to go to the High Prairie Township meeting to express their concerns.

Some patrons then question about the ISO ratings and how this affected the district. Chief Huhn explained that ISO updates the ratings every 10 years and that the survey was just completed. Lansing and Delaware are rated at a 4. High Prairie within the 5 miles of Station 2 would also be a 4. With Kickapoo and our capability of hauling water the patrons will now be rated at a 10W. These are new ratings that have started July 1st. Charlie McQuillian disputed this in that his insurance hasn't reduced. Other patrons stated theirs went down but you had to call insurance and also shop around to get the best rate.

Charley Shoemaker explained that High Prairie Board came to the Board about manning Station #2 and they would pay for the building of the quarters. His advice to the patrons from High Prairie is to go to their Board meeting to voice their concerns.

Jeff Klemp explained that his position on manning Station #2 and said it was nothing against High Prairie. He said that the Board had bought 2 brush trucks that benefited the township. He said that they are working to help High Prairie and he appreciated the conversation that was presented. He stated that they would look at future data and evaluate the need.

Bryan Kellogg and a few patrons suggested that they put a man on a trial basis at Station #2. Then the Board should evaluate the need. Jan Roburg told about her experience with fire endangering her property from a neighbor's fire and car wrecks where only a State Trooper and 1 volunteer respond before the EMS service.

Dean Moburg thanked all for comments and called for the open hearing to be closed. Charley Shoemaker moved to close the Public Hearing for the 2015 Budget. Jim Westmoreland seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Time was 8:15 PM.

Regular Meeting: Opened at 8:15 PM.

Dean Moburg asked that the minutes show all Board members 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: The new ISO reclassification of 26 pages was received last Friday, the 1st. Board asked that this be put on line for patrons to see. The department responded to a house fire yesterday. This is the first house fire in a year and a half. The department had 6 volunteers that had never seen fire before and this was their first experience. They did well. The house was out in 2 and a half hours with only one room totally destroyed.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Westmoreland submitted his 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter report to the Board. He explained that everything is going great and that the budget is under straight line for July. Chief was commended.

Items for Action:

1. 2015 Budget: Charley Shoemaker moved to accept the unpublished lower Budget which was hiring 1 firefighter. Jeff Klemp seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken. Charley Shoemaker and Jeff Klemp voted yes. Jim Westmoreland, Lisa Snodgrass, and Dean Moburg voted no. Motion failed.  
Jim Westmoreland moved to accept as published the 2015 Budget with 2 hires. Lisa Snodgrass seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken. Jim Westmoreland, Lisa Snodgrass, and Dean Moburg voted yes. Charley Shoemaker and Jeff Klemp voted no. Motion failed.  
Jeff Klemp called for discussion and opened with an explanation about needing the discussions from the patrons and the energy they generate to help in their decisions. He explained that they published a higher budget that would enable them to lower the budget. He also wanted High Prairie to understand that he values their needs and that the Board has bought brush trucks that are used primarily used in the county. He values the discussion to help weigh options for the District. Lisa Snodgrass responded to Jeff Klemp's question in that she participated in the Department and had run the fire calls for houses. She acknowledged that you won't get the 14 recommended by NFPA but she understands that we need to start. She also knows that volunteers are

hard to recruit. Jim Westmoreland said that one needs to think of the physical requirements for a volunteer. He would like to see the firefighters have the support and not be overworked and wants more than one person hired. He is looking out for the District and 2 people would be a first step in getting enough to have people to sustain the event. Jeff Klemp concluded that it would be important to look at the data for the District.

Charley Shoemaker moved to accept the unpublished lower option 2015 Budget. Jeff Klemp seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken. Charley Shoemaker, Jeff Klemp and Dean Moburg voted yes. Jim Westmoreland and Lisa Snodgrass voted no. Motion failed.

Jim Westmoreland moved to accept the 2015 Budget as published. Lisa Snodgrass seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken. Jim Westmoreland, Lisa Snodgrass, Jeff Klemp, Dean Moburg voted yes. Charley Shoemaker voted no. Motion passed.

2. Ballot Question: Discussion to explain that this question would ask the voters to allow the Board to raise the MIL levy above the 9 MIL cap set by State Legislature. Wording was reviewed by the attorney and the County Clerk. Charley Shoemaker explained that the wording of annually and another cap was not allowed by state law. Charley Shoemaker moved to accept the wording on the Ballot Question. Jim Westmoreland seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.
3. Jim Westmoreland moved to publish Resolution 2014-3 placing the Question on the November Ballot. Lisa Snodgrass seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.
4. Jim Westmoreland moved to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report. Lisa Snodgrass seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Board Concerns: Charley Shoemaker asked the Chief about the new truck. He expressed the desire to have the truck delivered even when the Chief is out of town. This question then brought the Board into the decision making process of the Department. The Chief explained that a few minor problems needed to be fixed and is scheduled to be delivered on September 2. He asked for a consensus of the Board's decision on the delivery date. Training will be given on the operation and the driving of the truck upon delivery. This truck would sit outside if delivered early until room was made in the bay. Board concurred about the September 2<sup>nd</sup> delivery.

Next meeting will be the seconded Monday in September for the holiday. Dean Moburg thanked the Board and visitors for participating in this budget.

Next Meeting September 8, at 7:00PM.

DEAN MOBURG, CHAIRMAN

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ATTEST:

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TERRY HUHN, BOARD CLERK