

July 7, 2014

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

Others: Rick Huhn, Terry Huhn, Mark Alligood, Joe Gates, Josh Budke, Jeff Simpson, Don Studnicka Lansing City Council, Phil Clark High Prairie Clerk, Steve Wagner CPA, Jim Dyson Sr. High Prairie Trustee, Dave Trinkle Lansing City Council, Gene Kirby Mayor City of Lansing, Kathy Williams High Prairie Treasurer, Pam Burton Att., various patrons from High Prairie Township.

Dean Moburg called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. He asked that the minutes reflect that all Board members are present with Jeff Klemp via teleconference.

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.

Dean Moburg expressed his condolences to Board member Lisa Snodgrass on her loss of her father. He then explained the time limits of the audience participation.

Audience Participation:

Jim Dyson reiterated that he had come to the Board to consider adding personnel to man Station #2.

Lee Garrison explained that he lived in the unprotected area and would like to see Station #2 manned and also wants Station #3 also built and manned.

A resident of High Prairie also voiced concern about response time with couple house fires and field fires of her neighbors. She would like to see this drop with personnel at Station #2.

Chief's Report: Nothing to add.

Items for Action: 2015 Budget to publish.

1. Jim Westmoreland moved to accept Option #1 of the 2015 Budget for publication which included 4 additional personnel. Dean Moburg 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.
2. Jeff Klemp moved to accept Option 2A hiring 1 with a step increase of the 2015 Budget for publication. Charley Shoemaker 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.
3. Jim Westmoreland moved to accept Option #2 in hiring 3 persons of the 2015 Budget for publication. 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.
4. Dean Moburg called for a motion on Option 3 with a step and 2 hire. Died for a lack of a motion.
 5. Dean Moburg called for a motion on the Proposed Budget for 2015 with a step increase only. Died for lack of a motion.
 6. Charley Shoemaker moved to accept for publication the 2015 Budget Option 2A with going to the voters in November for added MIL levy increases. 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.
 7. Discussion about the proposed options ensued between the Board and the audience. Kathy Williams commented that Option #1 on a \$100,000 house would raise the tax equivalent for a smoker - 1 carton of cigarettes, a beer drinker - a couple of beers and a nurse - 1 uniform. Asked that the Board look at Option #1. Jeff Klemp expressed he wanted the taxpayers a voice to raise the mil above the 9 allowed by law. Since there was only 1 volunteer from this area he could not ask taxpayers to foot this bill. He also felt that the County should have ambulances out there as well since a majority of call deals with medical responses. Chief Huhn explained that Director Jamie Miller has tried to get ambulances in Basehor which has 900 calls and has been refused by the County. A call to 207th from Station #1 is 17 minutes and a response from Station#2 is 7 thus saving the District a response time of 10 minutes. Discussion continued with both Charley Shoemaker and Jeff Klemp remaining firm to 1 man hired and going to the voters in November for more members. Steve Wagner explained to the Board that they could publish a budget at a higher MIL rate but at the open hearing reduce the budget upon hearing patron disapproval but they could not increase the budget.
 8. Jeff Klemp moved to accept 2015 Budget Option 2A for publication with going to the voters in November. Charley Shoemaker 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.
 9. Jim Westmoreland moved to accept 2015 Budget Option 2 to be published and with objection at the public hearing in August to be able to accept a lower budget. 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.
 10. Chief Huhn then offered the Board a compromise. He proposed that with some creative scheduling Option #3 for 2 additional firefighters would be workable. This would be a beginning for manning Station 2.

11. Jim Westmoreland moved to accept the 2015 Budget Option#3 for publication which is 2 hires and a step increase. 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.

More discussion continued. Lisa Snodgrass expressed her position was from experience as a taxpayer, one time resident of Delaware and current Lansing resident, a former volunteer firefighter, and wife of a career firefighter in Leavenworth. Charley Shoemaker stated that he would not compromise his position because this was his conscience for the whole district. Jeff Klemp also stated this was his only option. Pam Burton cautioned the Board that if a budget could not be reached, the Interlocal agreement would be broken; District #1 would have to dissolve service. Again Steve Wagner stated that the Board could publish a higher budget and then with patron disapproval select one of the lesser budgets but they could not go higher.

12. Jeff Klemp moved to accept for publication of the 2015 Budget Option#3 which was a hire of 2 personnel and a step. Jim Westmoreland 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 with super majority.
13. Jim Westmoreland moved to sign the Resolution2014-5 which states that the District is raising the MIL. Lisa Snodgrass seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Board Concerns:

Jim Westmoreland stated he had looked over the May and June budget and everything is still in good shape and following the straight line budget. The quarterly report will be in August.

Board will meet for a work session on July 28th at 7:00PM to review the Budget and the official wording for the November ballot issue of the MIL levy increase for the District.

Charley Shoemaker moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Klemp seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Work session – July 28th at 7:00 PM.

Next meeting –August 4, 2014 with the Public Hearing and regular meeting at 7PM.

DEAN MOBURG, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TERRY HUHN, BOARD CLERK