

**Proceedings of the Big Bend Vernon Fire Board Meeting
With the Village of Big Bend Board of Trustees,
Town of Vernon Board of Supervisors and
the Big Bend Vernon Fire Commission
Monday, September 15, 2008 - 6:00 p.m.
Fire Station #3
W233 S7475 Woodland Lane**

These minutes are considered unofficial until approved by the Big Bend Vernon Fire Board at their next regular meeting.

1. Fire Board President Gauger called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

2. Roll Call, Declaration of Quorum & Public Notice

Present: Paul Fickau, Ellen Cole, Sue Fischer, Marilyn Gauger, Cathy Bronk, Sadie Soneberg and Mike Doble. Absent: Carol Shea

This meeting was noticed and posted pursuant to Open Meeting law.

3. Public Comments from citizens present –

Dave Nowicki of the Town of Vernon would like to donate a 25 ft. Cabin Cruiser to the Fire Department for water rescue, etc. Also, he would like the department policies of drugs, theft, exit policies, school recovery cost policies revisited and a written policy for Fire Commission interviews. The 600-hour rule also needs to be addressed maybe with Senator Mary Lazich to attempt to make some correction in the law.

President Gauger advised Nowicki that we do have a school recovery cost policy in place.

4. Town and Village approve the following amendments to the Big Bend Vernon Fire Board Policies and Procedures.

Fire Board President Gauger stated she made a packet for the Village and Town members to review.

Motions and seconds made by the Town of Vernon Board of Trustees and the Village of Big Bend Board of Trustees to approve the amendments to the Big Bend Vernon Fire Board Policies and Procedures as submitted with deletion of C and taking the words and parentheses in D. Motions carried unanimously.

Note: Deletion of C in the Fire Board Policies and Procedures pertains to: “if a resident taxpayer does not pay or their insurance company does not pay” and taking the words and parentheses in D pertains to (who is not a taxpayer) out of the paragraph.

5. Discussion and recommendation of approval from the Town of Vernon and Village of Big Bend for the following Proposed 2009 Budget.

- Big Bend Vernon Fire Department in the amount of \$891,198.

Mike Doble from the Fire Board presented the 2009 Fire Department Operating Budget and discussed the FEMA Grant that has been obtained by the fire department.

Motion made by the Town of Vernon Board of Supervisors and seconded to approve the 2009 Fire Department operating budget at \$891,198 total with the Town’s portion not to exceed \$390,143 and the Village’s portion not to exceed \$75,055 for 2009. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Town and Village discussed the operating budget to justify the increase and the Village portion of the budget was denied by roll call vote.

Discussion ensued on how to approve the operating budget and what the fire department does for a contingency budget.

The Boards took a five-minute break starting at 8:15 PM. and then came back into session to deviate to the Big Bend Vernon Fire Board 2009 Budget.

Motion made by the Village of Big Bend and seconded to approve the 2009 Fire Department

operating budget at \$891,198 total with the Village's portion not to exceed \$75,055 and the Town's portion not to exceed \$390,143 for 2009. Motion carried by voice vote.

Note: It was the consensus from the Village Board to go ahead and approve their portion understanding a savings could come forth from the Capital Expenditure amount.

- Big Bend Vernon Fire Board in the amount of \$27,923

Discussion ensued on hours of work that the Fire Board Secretary works and hours being reduced to 18 hours per week instead of 20 hours per week.

Motions made and seconded by the Town and Village Boards to approve the Big Bend Vernon Fire Board budget for 2009 in the amount not to exceed \$25,544 with the Town portion not to exceed \$21,368 and the Village portion not to exceed \$4,176. Motions carried unanimously.

Note: The reduction in the budget was a result of less hours realizing a savings in salary and benefits.

- Big Bend Vernon Fire Commission Budget

Motions made and seconded by the Town and Village Boards to approve the Big Bend Vernon Fire Commission for 2009 not to exceed \$1,000 with a 50/50 split between the Village and Town budgets. Motions carried unanimously.

- Big Bend Vernon Fire Department Capital Fund in the amount of \$482,050.

Fire Board member Mike Doble reviewed packets that had been handed out to Town and Village Boards on Capital Budget and discussion ensued on extending life of vehicles more and funding of Capital equipment.

Both Boards requested new quotes outside of the ones explained tonight by Mike Doble.

Note: The Boards deviated back to the Big Bend Vernon Fire Department Operating Budget for 2009 at this time to settle the motion on the Fire Department Operating budget and then the Boards proceeded to the motions on Capital below..

Motions made and seconded by the Town and Village Boards to approve the Capital Projects Budget for 2009 in the amount not to exceed \$52,050 specifically tanker #1191 not to exceed \$40,000 and to have the Fire Department come back with three new quotes, not to replace the tank but to patch and the FEMA Grant for the SCBA's not to exceed \$12,050 and the Town portion not to exceed \$43,540 and the Village portion not to exceed \$8,510. Carried by voice vote from the Village Trustees and carried unanimously by the Town of Vernon Supervisors.

FIRE BOARD MEETING WILL PROCEED AT THIS TIME

6. FINANCES – Discussion and possible action on the following:

- Accounts payable/Check Register – Detail

Motion made by Bronk and seconded by Fickau to approve the accounts payable/check detail. Motion carried unanimously.

There will be a Fire Board Meeting held tomorrow night at 6:30 PM at the Big Bend Village Hall and the next regular Fire Board Meeting will be held on October 20th, 6:30 PM at Fire Station #3.

Motion made by Soneberg and seconded by Fickau to adjourn at 10:37 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Bauer

Fire Board Secretary/Treasurer

Approved on December 15, 2008 and distributed to Fire Commission, Village of Big Bend and Town of Vernon on December 22, 2008.