

Battle Creek Fire District

Minutes fo the Annual Meeting

February 7, 2019 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Jim DeHaai in the Hayward Fire Station with four directors present, (Jim DeHaai, John Esposti, David Cofold, Butch Reder) not present were Ray Summers and Leo VanSambeek. The Fire Chief, and 10 patrons (inclusive of at least 20 fire fighters). Two guest from the Southern Hills Water District was present.

President DeHaai described the three director positions that were open for election they were, Jim DeHaai, Leo VanSambeek, Ray Summers these directors will be in office for a two year term. These three individuals were unopposed and it was moved by the board to accept all three for a two year term.

President DeHaai called for nominations for officer positions for the Board of Directors. Cofoid moved and seconded to reelect Jim DeHaai as President, Ray Summers as Vice President and Leo Van Sambeek as Secretary-Treasurer. The motions passed without opposition.

Minutes for the February 13, 2018 annual meeting were read and approved as read.

Treasurer report was presented by President Jim DeHaai (Secretary-Treasures Leo VanSambeek was ill)

Motion to approve the Treasure Report by Dave Cofoid and second by John Esposti.

Old Business

The Battle Creek Fire District was discussed. It was brought to the attention of the board by Fire Chief Paul Johnson that the mortgage payment was not in the budget and was concerned this needed addressed. A motion was made to add 20,500.00 to the 2019 budget to cover this payment, which bring the total budget for the Battle Creek Fire District to \$ 422,500.00. Motion made by Dave Cofoid and seconded by Butch Reder. Motion passed

New Business

A presentation was made by the Southern Hills Water District to purchase approximately .62 acres of land from the BCFD. This property is surrounding the water building located on the east edge of the BCFD land. The Southern Hills Water District indicated this will become a fill station for people in the area . It was also indicated that the BCFD would not pay for water need to fill fire trucks and that the Battle Creek Fire District would not bear any of the cost in selling the property. After a length discussion it was decided that the Southern Hill Water District would research the legal aspects of buying the land and the BCFD board needed to be thinking about a price for this property. Further information on this item will be discussed at the May 16th, meeting.

Fire Chief Paul Johnson was called upon to report on the status of the District's firefighting capabilities. He touched on many topics including:

Paul indicated they started the 2018 year, first year of the consolidation, really not known what to expect. Started with a shoe string budget, but was vary close to staying within our first budget. With a few bumps in the road the year was a great success. The Fire District brought in about \$97,00.00 from wildland fires that went back into the system. Sold some equipment of which the money went back to rebuild and improve three trucks.

ZERO injuries-- NO CLAIMS to w/comp.

Remodeling of the Keystone Fire Station is about 95% completed with just some minor trim work to be finished. Black Hill Energy donated 15,000.00 for equipment and material with additional 33,000.00 from the District to complete this project. This is a great addition to the Keystone fire station and comfortable place for our fire fighters.

Next major project is the change out the 3-phase wire system at the Hayward fire station. This project will allow our utility bill to be decreased greatly.

Paul is working on several grants a 50/50 grant which is ear marked for wildland fire equipment. Also a South Dakota Insurance grant to help with the cost of replacing bunker equipment.

Early this winter , through a lot of hard work from our firefighters, we got our ISO rating to 6 for people living within five miles of a fire station. People within the Battle Creek Fire District need to check with there insurance agent to see if, an how, much this might effect the insurance premiums.

Battle Creek Fire District had a total of 415 calls, around 25 were fires and 13 out of state calls. One of the greatest achievement of this consolation was the 2-minute response time to each call.

The learning curve was great this first year but looking forward it should even be a greater 2019.

A Motion was made to transfer 16,500.00 to the Fire Departments General Fund. This is money we have taken in from the sale of a fire truck, trailer and other items. Motion passed

After a discussion on tables, chairs and misc. cooking items and the ownership of such materials it was decided that these items will be owned by the Battle Creek Firefighters Association.

Paul let the board know that brush truck 6-3 will need to be replaced in the future. This truck has approximate 83,000 miles and is starting to need a lot of attention. Also Paul is still working with ISO people to replace the ladder truck.

The next regular meeting of the Directors will be in Hayward Station on MAY 16,th 6:00 PM.

Motion by John Esposti and second by Reder to adjourn. Hearing no objection, President DeHaai adjourned the meeting