

The special yearend meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Belgium Cold Springs Fire District was called to order at 9:00 am on December 28, 2022, by Chairperson, K. Thompson.

Present: K. Thompson, J. Patterson, D. Rafkis, M. Chura, M. Malone, W. Dwyer, A. Speach, M. Speach, J. Root, C. Laprease, B. Raymond-LaPrease

W. Dwyer reviewed yearend vouchers and year end work sheet. M. Malone made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and M. Chura seconded the motion. Carried. J. Patterson made the motion to approve payment of vouchers presented and audited and D. Rafkis seconded the motion. Carried.

K. Thompson provided a worksheet with suggested budget transfers that would line up with our long-term plans. Discussion. K. Thompson explained that we are in line with the recommended percentage of fund balance the comptroller recommends.

K. Thompson made the motion to transfer the 2022 budget to reserve of \$362,097 to the Apparatus Reserve and D. Rafkis seconded the motion. Carried.

K. Thompson made the motion to transfer the fund balance as follows, after the 2022 budget money is received: \$100,000 to Equipment reserve and the balance of the amount into Capital Improvement and D. Rafkis seconded the motion. Carried.

W. Dwyer presented the fixed asset report and it was reviewed. He will update with the changes as discussed.

Old Business: nothing to report

New Business:

- 2023 Holiday Schedule to be reviewed and approved at the Organizational Meeting. M. Malone made the motion to approve January 2nd as the observed holiday for New Year's Day and J. Patterson seconded the motion. Carried. A. Speach will add the New Year's Holiday 2024 to list of approved dates in 2023 so we don't continue to have this issue year to year.
- A. Speach received a request for hall use for July 29, 2023 from W. Massaro for a wedding reception. Did not have the number of people expected. Tabled.
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K. Thompson reported that we will need to go into executive session and we do anticipate some business to follow.

M. Malone made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the resume and employment history of an individual that may lead to his/her employment and to discuss the resume and employment history of an individual that may lead to his/her continued employment with the district. J. Patterson seconded the motion. Carried.

Open Session resumed at 11:35 AM.

K. Thompson made the motion to make a provisional appointment as Chief to Jeff Root effective at the close of the Organizational meeting on January 9, 2023 at his current salary and D. Rafkis seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

K. Thompson made the motion to extend an offer to Luke Harrison as caretaker effective 1/2/2023 at \$17.50 an hour, \$36,400 annually and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried unanimously.

Public comments: None.

Meeting dates:

Special Meeting – January 7th at 9am at HQ interviews for officer positions.

Organizational Meeting – January 9th at 7PM sta. 1

Next commissioner's meeting- January 18th 7PM sta. 1

(All meetings at station #1 until further notice)

M. Malone made the motion to adjourn at 11:40 AM and M. Malone seconded the motion. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Speach, Secretary