

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report for RFB meeting 04/10/07

Operating Fund Balance	\$ 21,296.90
Capital Improvement Fund Balance	\$ 43,519.49
Voted Levy	\$ 956.88

Special meeting bills 3-21-07	\$ 770.00
Paid bills in the amount of 4-10-07	\$ 9,548.42

March 21, 2007 Special meeting check numbers 3377- 3383, both inclusive
(paid March 22, 2007)

Check numbers 3384 - 3396, both inclusive
(paid April 10, 2007)

Enclosures:

- Agenda
- Correspondence
- Financial
- Minutes 3/14/07
- Minutes Special Meeting 3/21/07

NOTE DATE AND TIME CHANGE OF APRIL MEETING.

APRIL 2007 RFB MEETING

Tuesday, April 10, 2007 4:30 p.m.

Location of meeting: POLSON CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

POLSON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE MEETING

*****DATE CHANGE*****

(from Wednesday April 11 at 7:00)

**TUESDAY APRIL 10 AT 4:30 PM CONFERENCE ROOM POLSON
CITY HALL**

TRUSTEE MONTHLY MEETING

REVIEW MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS

OLD BUSINESS.....

NEW BUSINESS.....

STAFF'S REPORT

All residents of the Polson Rural Fire District and interested general public are encouraged to attend. Resident's questions and ideas help to keep the trustees informed and assist them in formulating their decisions.

FOR A FULL TEXT OF APPROVED MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEE MEETINGS PLEASE GO TO WWW.POLSONFIRE.ORG

Trustee Alison Meslin
849-6628



106 Fourth Avenue East
Polson, Montana 59860-2174

**LAKE COUNTY
ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR**

(406) 883-7268
FAX (406) 883-7283

March 7, 2007

To: Polson Rural Fire District

From: Kathie Newgard, Election Administrator

Re: Fire District Trustee Appointments

One filings was received by the close of filing on February 22, 2007. Therefore as per MCA 7-33-2106(4) I am canceling your May 8, 2007 election. The Lake County Board of Commissioners will declare elected by acclamation Alison Meslin. I will send Oath of Office form(s) sometime in April. If you have any questions, please give us a call.

POLSON RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
106 First Street East
Polson, MT 59860-2137



March 21, 2007

Mayor Jules Clavadetscher
City of Polson
106 1st Street East
Polson, MT 59860-2137

Dear Mayor Clavadetscher,:

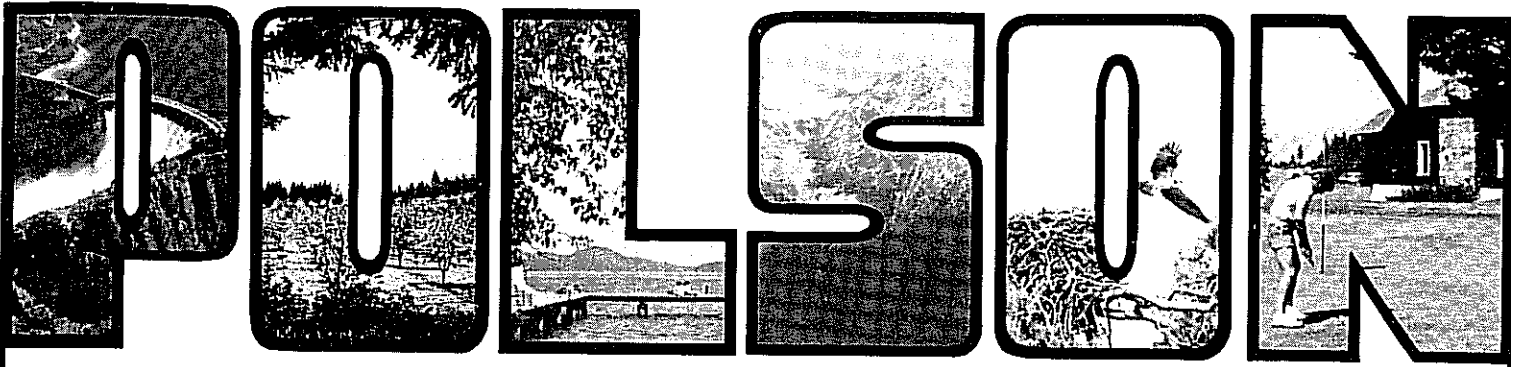
The Polson Rural Fire Board is notifying the City of Polson of their intent to review the Interlocal Agreement. A copy of the agreement dated September 18th, 2002 by and between the City of Polson and the Polson Rural Fire District, a political subdivision of the State of Montana is enclosed.

The Interlocal Agreement was discussed briefly during the board's regular meeting, March 14, 2007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ross Hoyt".

Ross Hoyt
Chairman Polson Rural Fire Board



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PLEASE NOTE: NEW MAILING ADDRESS: 106 1ST STREET EAST, POLSON, MONTANA 59860-2137

March 27, 2007

Ross Hoyt
Chairman Polson Rural Fire Board
106 First Street East
Polson, MT 59860-2137

Dear Chairman Hoyt,

I have received your letter dated March 21. There are some time constraints regarding your requests that I believe should be considered.

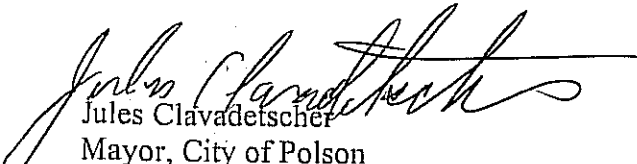
As your know, we are in the process of hiring a new fire chief. I don't think it is appropriate to review the Interlocal Agreement until the new chief is in place and has had time to familiarize himself with the issues associated with managing the city and rural fire departments.

As you are also probably aware, the city is required to hire a city manager and enter into a new form of government on July 1, 2007. As the new city manager becomes the new executive for the city of Polson, I don't think it is appropriate to review this agreement and, possibly, make changes before he, or she, have a chance to have input.

I am aware that the existing agreement provides for termination on June 30 of any year upon written notice by either party. "Notice of intent to terminate this agreement shall be given no later than ninety days prior to the proposed termination of June 30" The Rural Fire board may wish to exercise this option upon receipt of this letter and, if it is their desire, enter into new negotiations once the new fire chief and city manager are in place.

I will review this response with our City Council during our regular meeting on April 2 and will honor their direction regarding this issue.

Sincerely,


Jules Clavadetscher
Mayor, City of Polson

POLSON RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
 106 First Street East
 Polson, MT 59860-2137



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Mr. Ron Ryan
 PO Box 1227
 Polson, MT 59860-1227

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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

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PS Form 3811, February 2004

Domestic Return Receipt

102595-02-M

March 22, 2007

Mr. Ron Ryan
 PO Box 1227
 Polson, MT 59860-1227

Dear Mr. Ryan,

I am writing you to request, with all due respect, to resign as trustee to the Polson Rural Fire District Board. The Board needs input at the meetings. Please submit a letter of resignation to the Lake County Commissioners, 106 4th Avenue East, Polson, MT 59860..

The Board would like to thank you for the work you have done for several years on the board.

Sincerely,

Ross Hoyt

Ross Hoyt
 Chairman Polson Rural Fire Board

email version sent March 22, 2007
mha01@aptalaska.net

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1. Article Addressed to:

March 22, 2007

Mr. Steve Lozar
 PO Box 520
 Polson, MT 59860-0520

Mr. Steve Lozar
 PO Box 520
 Polson, MT 59860-0520

Dear Mr. Lozar,

2. 7004 1350 0000 0222 5610

PS Form 3811, February 2004

Domestic Return Receipt

102595-02-M

I am writing you to request, with all due respect, to resign as trustee to the Polson Rural Fire District Board. It has been several months without any contact and the Board needs input at the meetings. Please submit a letter of resignation to the Lake County Commissioners, 106 4th Avenue East, Polson, MT.

The Board would like to thank you for the work you have done for several years on the board.

Sincerely,

Ross Hoyt
 Chairman Polson Rural Fire Board

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4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
3/15/2007						30,746.55
3/15/2007	DEP	cat: 0371010-Interest Earnings memo: February '07 allocation		R	154.58	30,901.13
3/15/2007	DEP	cat: 0311010-Real Property Tax memo: February '07 Collection		R	714.19	31,615.32
3/22/2007	3377	John Fairchild cat: 0300-Purchased Services memo: Meal Allow. 4/11/to4/14/07 Engine 318 Insp.Ap...	80.00			31,535.32
3/22/2007	3378	Martin Glasson cat: 0300-Purchased Services memo: Meal Allow. 4/11/to4/14/07 Engine 318 Insp.Ap...	80.00			31,455.32
3/22/2007	3379	Terry Gembala cat: 0300-Purchased Services memo: Meal Allow. 4/11/to4/14/07 Engine 318 Insp.Ap...	80.00			31,375.32
3/22/2007	3380	Joe Cope cat: 0300-Purchased Services memo: Meal Allow. 4/11/to4/14/07 Engine 318 Insp.Ap...	80.00			31,295.32
3/22/2007	3381	Pete Bishop cat: 0300-Purchased Services memo: Meal Allow. 4/11/to4/14/07 Engine 318 Insp.Ap...	80.00			31,215.32
3/22/2007	3382	Chris McGuinness cat: 0300-Purchased Services memo: Meal Allow. 4/11/to4/14/07 Engine 318 Insp.Ap...	80.00			31,135.32
3/22/2007	3383	Tracy Burland SPLIT 0300-Purchased Services memo: Airport Shuttle Kalispell & Return 4/11/to4/14/07 0300-Purchased Services Shuttle for 6 volunteers Kalis 0300-Purchased Services Tip	290.00 240.00 50.00			30,845.32
4/10/2007	3384	Pete Bishop cat: 0302-Conference & Training Reg. memo: FirefightersConventionReg&PerDiem 1/2Rural	181.47			30,663.85
4/10/2007	3385	Cenex Harvest States cat: 0231-Gas, Diesel, Oil memo: Acct#157 120 March Billing	152.73			30,511.12
4/10/2007	3386	Conoco Phillips cat: 0231-Gas, Diesel, Oil memo: Acct#87017-3796	220.86			30,290.26
4/10/2007	3387	L.N. Curtis & Sons SPLIT 0220-Operating Supplies memo: Cust#4929 -3 invoices itemized splits 0220-Operating Supplies Inv#3063252-01 Folding tank 0220-Operating Supplies Inv#3063252-01 GroundCoverForF 0220-Operating Supplies Inv#3063478-00 Gear bag 0220-Operating Supplies	1,881.50 1,328.50 195.00 63.85 294.15			28,408.76

4/6/2007

Date	Num	Transaction	Payment	C	Deposit	Balance
4/10/2007	3388	Inv#3063970-00 6 pr NFPA glove Mission Valley Security, Inc. cat: 0900 - Capital Purchases memo: Invoice#9348,9349,9355,9383 BigArmStnKeyP...	1,036.24			27,372.52
4/10/2007	3389	Montana Ace Polson SPLIT 0220-Operating Supplies memo: Acct #600 Station#2 Big Arm	130.96			27,241.56
		0220-Operating Supplies	28.99			
		Inv#859179 Plier Brush Truck 3				
		0220-Operating Supplies	26.99			
		Inv#857725 8" lineman plier				
		0220-Operating Supplies	74.98			
		Inv#857787 Plumbine supplies				
4/10/2007	3390	Montana Electronics Co., Inc. cat: 0220-Operating Supplies memo: Acct#M2782 Inv#33707 2-mic	67.76			27,173.80
4/10/2007	3391	Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority cat: 0260 - Water&SewerBigArmStation memo: Acct#06421 April '07	19.50			27,154.30
4/10/2007	3392	Super One Foods cat: 0220-Operating Supplies memo: Acct #721 I-300 class Miisc food	14.37			27,139.93
4/10/2007	3393	The UPS Store cat: 0300-Purchased Services memo: Inv #8606 3-packings	10.47			27,129.46
4/10/2007	3394	Verizon Wireless cat: 0245-Cell Phone memo: Acct#370458579-00001	88.63			27,040.83
4/10/2007	3395	Wal Mart Polson SPLIT 0220-Operating Supplies memo: Acct #6032 2020 1008 9218	124.04			26,916.79
		0220-Operating Supplies	102.16			
		8- LED light				
		0220-Operating Supplies	21.88			
		1 - Sandisk flash				
4/10/2007	3396	Western States Insurance SPLIT 0365-Insurance memo: Pol#VFTR2051168-00 3/10/07-3/10/08	5,619.89			21,296.90
		0365-Insurance	200.68			
		Property				
		0365-Insurance	754.56			
		Inland Marine				
		0365-Insurance	775.39			
		Liability				
		0365-Insurance	3,385.11			
		Auto Coverage				
		0365-Insurance	111.33			
		Errors & Ommissions				
		0365-Insurance	280.22			
		Umbrella				
		0365-Insurance	46.60			
		Crime				
		0365-Insurance	66.00			

Adding 2007 Kenworth Truck

MARCH 21, 2007 [Special meeting] EXPENDITURES \$ 770.00
Check numbers 3377 - 3383
MARCH EXPENDITURES [Approved 4-10-07] \$ 9,548.42
Check numbers 3384 - 3396

3/31/07 OPERATING FUND BALANCE. \$ 21,296.90
3/31/07 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BALANCE \$ 43,519.49
3/31/07 VOTED LEVY FUND BALANCE \$ 956.88

**POLSON RURAL FIRE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES – MARCH 14, 2007**

Board trustee members present: Ross Hoyt, Alison Meslin, Fred Nelson.

Board trustee members absent: Steve Lozar, Ron Ryan.

Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief John Fairchild.

Guests: Ron Roberts, Pete Bishop, Ron Roberts, Tom Sadecki, Terry Gembala, President of Volunteer Fire Department, Lester Johnson, Jeff Meslin, Toni Burton, Arlene Tompkins, Ted Tompkins, Jerry Peterson, Jack Clapp, Tim Beebe, Dave Nash.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Hoyt at 7:06 p.m.

Rural Fire Board Meeting Minutes February 13, 2007: Trustee Meslin requested the following corrections 1) **REPORT ON NEW TRUCK** – Chief Maloney reported the engine tender 326 was delivered last week and will be in service in two weeks. The tender engine will be delivered the last week of April. 2) **BIG ARM FIRE HALL RENOVATIONS** - ~~S&K Housing suggested using the fire hydrants to fill the vehicles; provided the hydrants are operable.~~ S&K Housing recommended not using the water lines and in an emergency tap the fire hydrants to fill the vehicles; provided the hydrants are operable. Chairman Hoyt stated the minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

Operating Fund Balance	\$ 30,746.55
Capital Improvement Fund Balance	\$ 43,367.85
Voted Levy	\$ 549.88
Paid bills in the amount of	\$ 3,808.35

February check numbers 3360 - 3376, both inclusive
(paid March 14, 2007)

NOTE: Check numbers 3358-3359 VOID

DNRC payment of \$3,700 for wildland suppression last summer reflects the increase in the capital improvement fund.

Bills: The following payments were clarified 1) check #3374 in the amount of \$1,385.00 issued to Western Electronics, Inc .is a radio for engine 318; 2) check #3361 in the amount of \$643.02 issued to L.N. Curtis is a back order for larger size wildland fire shirts and pants and operating supplies; 3) check #3363 in the amount of \$66.46 issued to Mission Valley Power is electric service at the Big Arm Station; 4) check #3373 in the amount of \$128.37 issued to Wal Mart a portion of the bill is for bottled water and soda for the social and banquet at the golf course. **Motion Trustee Nelson, seconded Trustee Meslin to pay bills. Motion carried unanimously.**

Correspondence:

Assistant Fire Chief Fairchild presented a revised Mission Valley Security invoice for upgrades at the Big Arm Station. The original bid was \$500 changes involving a double door magnetic lock, door closure for upstairs, detectors, and key pads exceeded the bid amount. Mission Valley Security did not charge for labor. The bill will be split over several months.

Old Business:

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION – Chairman Hoyt reported Trustee Lozar indicated his schedule will change in April and will be able to attend meetings. Trustee Ryan could not be reached.

MINUTES ON WEBSITE - Trustee Meslin suggested the approved minutes sent directly to the webmaster. At the present time, the minutes are sent to the fire chief and then sent to the webmaster. Assistant Fire Chief Fairchild will check with the webmaster.

REPORT ON NEW TENDER – Assistant Fire Chief Fairchild reported the tender can be put in service at any time. The insurance company was assured fire personnel would complete ten hours of driving time before actual response. A mechanic serviced a pumping problem. The power steering pump was also serviced. Trustee Meslin noted the tender service should be covered by warranty.

BIG ARM FIRE HALL RENOVATIONS – Trustee Meslin reported the automatic door openers are being completed and the electrical phase will be completed.

SALE OF WILDLAND COMPONENTS – Chairman Hoyt reported Wolf Point Fire Department offered \$8,000 for the slide-in wildland equipment. At a previous meeting, the board voted to keep the unit. Trustee Nelson indicated the unit was purchased for \$9,000 and paid from the capital reserve fund. **Motion Trustee Nelson if the board accepts the \$8,000 offer the funds will go back in the capital reserve fund.** Trustee Meslin indicated last month the board discussed the district could use the slide-in and there is also a need for some vehicles at Irvine Flats. Trustee Nelson indicated the DNRC truck needs to be kept at the Big Arm Station and parking space is not available in Polson. It would be nice to keep the slide-in, but currently a chassis is not available for the slide-in. Trustee Meslin felt the slide-in should be kept and a good used chassis could be purchased. Last year two vehicles were used a lot for wildland response and felt a third vehicle could be used. Tom Sadecki indicated the slide-in is a great unit and the department is presently using one on a marginal vehicle. Space is not available for an additional vehicle and the department will get through the upcoming season with the black truck. Tom felt we would be money ahead to sell the unit and put the slide-in presently in use on a bed rail. The board needs to realize manpower is not available at the Big Arm Station. Trustee Meslin indicated during a meeting with the Irvine Flats residents the group discussed putting a vehicle at Irvine Flats and if so what vehicle would that be. Chairman Hoyt mentioned putting a DNRC truck at Irvine Flats. Assistant Fire Chief Fairchild reported the DNRC vehicle needs to be housed and manned by trained firefighters at any given minute or the district is in violation of the DNRC contract. There is a possibility the DNRC will update a chassis at the Big Arm Station this year. **Trustee Nelson called for the question, seconded Chairman Hoyt. Trustee Nelson and Hoyt in favor, Trustee Meslin opposed.** Only three members were present, constituting a quorum, a unanimous vote is required to approve a motion. {Polson Rural Fire District By-Laws Article VII, Section C. Quorum}

ANNEXATION PETITION IRVINE FLATS - Dave Nash presented a petition signed by nine Irvine Flat landowners to annex into the district; no protesting landowners. **Motion Trustee Nelson, seconded Trustee Meslin if property owners are willing to come into the fire district we greet them with open arms and provide the service they will be proud of and our fire department will be proud to give them. Motion carried unanimously.** Chairman Hoyt will forward the petitions to the Lake County Commissioners and notice of a public hearing will appear in a local newspaper setting the date and time of the hearing with Lake County Commissioners. Dave Nash questioned regulations on placing a DNRC truck in Irvine Flats. Assistant Fire Chief Fairchild will check with DNRC representative, Dave Poukish on the regulations.

New Business:

YARD LIGHT - Chairman Hoyt suggested an additional yard light on the south of the Big Arm Station. Ross has pole to donate to the project and will meet with Mission Valley Power engineering department. Cost per month with furnished pole \$6.63; MVP pole approximately \$10.00 **Motion Trustee Nelson, seconded Trustee Meslin to install additional lighting for safety and security. Motion carried unanimously.**

ENGINE 318 - Assistant Fire Chief John Fairchild reported the new engine 318 will come off line April 12th. The truck committee will travel to Appleton, Wisconsin to complete the inspection.

2007 MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE SENATE BILL 539 - The bill would allow local governments to participate in an insurance policy which would allow governments to spend 90% of the protested tax; 10% of the protested tax would be deposited in the risk management account.. Trustee Meslin presented the information relating to PPL protested real estate taxes held in rural fire district funds by Lake County Treasurer.

TRUCK FOR SLIDE-IN - A member of the audience asked what type of vehicle the department plans to purchase. Chairman Hoyt suggested a heavy duty one ton minimum. Perhaps the state surplus may be able to supply a vehicle. Tom Sadecki suggested forming a truck committee.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT - Trustee Nelson suggested the agreement should be reviewed during the FY '07-'08 budget planning. The agreement states "notice of intent to terminate this agreement shall be given no later than ninety days prior to a proposed termination." Chairman Hoyt indicated a city manager will be hired July 1, 2007. **Motion Trustee Nelson, seconded Chairman Hoyt to notify the City the Polson Rural Fire District wishes to review the interlocal agreement. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Hoyt adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Ross Hoyt, Chairman

Alison W. Meslin, Secretary-Treasurer

**SPECIAL MEETING
POLSON RURAL FIRE BOARD
MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2007**

Board trustee members present: Ross Hoyt, Alison Meslin, Fred Nelson.

Board trustee members absent: Steve Lozar, Ron Ryan.

Staff Present: Assistant Fire Chief John Fairchild.

Guests: Jeff Meslin, Lester Johnson, Lee Manicke, Karen Sargeant, Public Relations Officer, Terry Gembala, President of Volunteer Fire Department

Meeting called to order by Chairman Hoyt at 12:00 noon. The agenda consists of two items.

ENGINE 318 INSPECTION & TRAVEL – Volunteer firemen Pete Bishop, Joe Cope, Terry Gembala, Martin Glasson, Chris McGuinness, and Assistant Fire Chief John Fairchild representing the truck committee will travel to Appleton, Wisconsin to complete the engine inspection at Pierce Manufacturing April 11-14, 2007. Pierce will pay the airfare, hotel accommodations and provide transportation from the hotel to the factory. The per diem for meals is \$80.00 per person. Transportation to and from Kalispell by Tracy Burland Shuttle Service is \$290.00 which includes a \$50.00 tip. Mileage per fireman at \$48.50 plus airport parking would exceed the cost of the shuttle. Trustee Nelson suggested the group use the suburan and park at a Kalispell fire station. The suburan is not available since it is loaded with equipment. **Motion Trustee Nelson, seconded Trustee Meslin to approve per diem meal allowance and airport shuttle to and from Kalispell. Motion carried unanimously.**

APPOINT RURAL BOARD MEMBER TO FIRE CHIEF INTERVIEW COMMITTEE – **Motion Chairman Hoyt, seconded Trustee Meslin to appoint Trustee Nelson to the fire chief interview committee.** Trustee Nelson accepts the appointment. One of the applicants will be interviewed by phone. Trustee Nelson suggested the use of video equipment for the interview, although none is available in the area.

Chairman Hoyt adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Ross Hoyt, Chairman

Alison W. Meslin, Secretary-Treasurer