

SMITH VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DECEMBER 14, 2020 4:00 pm

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES/CORRECTIONS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: (PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO 3 MINUTES AND STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS).

CLAIMS:

7208 - Moved by _____ to pay bills of _____ 2nd _____ Yes _____ No _____

TRUSTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS /COMMUNICATIONS:

CHIEF'S REPORT: CHIEF BEICK

E.M.S. REPORT: CHIEF BEICK

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

EMS HARDSHIP CHARGES (BERG)

SCBA NEEDS (GILLMAN/CHIEF)

TRAINING REQUESTS:

ADJORNMENT:

SMITH VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DECEMBER 14, 2020 4:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: At 4:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All in attendance participated

ROLL CALL: Chair Gillman, Sec Berg, Trustees Roberts, Ross. Trustee Sollars absent excused

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES/CORRECTIONS: Moved by Roberts to accept the Minutes of November 11, 2020 as posted. 2nd by Berg. Passed 4 to 0

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lt. Bryce Hull from SVFD spoke in support of replacing the current SCBAS. Expressing their unacceptable performance. Plus 4 were out of service due to the required PASS Alarms.

FF Rob Hampton from SVFD also spoke to the service ability of the current SCBAS. And the need for replacement.

FF John Pine expressed that the Firefighters were losing confidence in the current equipment. And stressed the fact the Masks have not been tested. With the smoke test as prescribed in the SCBA standards.

CLAIMS: Moved by Ross to pay bills in the amount of 23,678.24. 2nd by Roberts. Passed 4 to 0

TRUSTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS /COMMUNICATIONS: Trustee Roberts requested that large expense items, with documentation, be sent to the Board Members prior to the Meeting when a decision is made.

The District received two thank you, with checks one for 250.00 and the other for 5,000.00. Both will be deposited with the County Treasurer.

CHIEF'S REPORT: See Attached

E.M.S. REPORT: See Attached

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

EMS HARDSHIP CHARGES: Chief Beick and Trustee Berg will work on this item and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

SCBA NEEDS: Chief Beick presented the rational for requesting new SCBAs for the District:

1. The Grant application for new SCBAs was turned down for the lack of funding on the Federal Level. We were told we had a good chance next year when the funding might be reauthorized.
2. The Grant Application was for multiple departments. And one of the Districts dropped out of the application process, which then negated the future success of receiving an application award.
3. The current SCBAs cannot be serviced any longer as their life span has ended.

4. Four of the current SCBAs are out of service and this leaves the District with out SCBAs on all of the apparatus. Which would reduce the District response capabilities.
5. There is a very urgent need for new SCBAs to meet current Nationally recognized standards.
6. The SCBAs are needed to protect the Districts most valuable resource, the Firefighter.
7. There is a large purchase of SCBAs by a large department that the District can join. This would give the District as saving of 30,000. By entering into this agreement. But the decision must be made by 12-30-2020 to receive the discount.
8. The needs of the District are 16 SCBAs with 2 bottles. 25 Face Pieces (Masks). The National Standard requires each Firefighter have their own mask.
9. Funding for the purchase was discussed in great detail.
10. Funding for a High Pressure Air Compressor would explored outside of the loan.

After much discussion as to the pros and cons of the issue.

Berg moved to have Chairman Gillman sign a loan agreement with Glacier Bank for not more then 95,000.00 to purchase 16 SCBAs with 2 bottles for each SCBA and 25 masks. The 25% required for applying for the load would come from fund 7245. This would be a ten (10) year, with a fixed rate of 3.5%. 2nd by Ross. Passed 3 to 1 with Roberts voting No.

TRAINING REQUESTS: None at this time.

ADJORNMENT: 5:45 PM

Chiefs Report: November 2020 Summary

Submitted: December 14, 2020 at 4:00 pm

Calls for November 2020:

NIFRS Incident Type Comparison Report:

- 6 MVA BLS Red
- 1 Non-injury MVA
- 1 Medical ALS – Lift Assist
- 1 Structure Fires (1 Mutual aid)
- 3 Grass/Wildland Fire
- 1 Chimney Fire
- 1 Burn Pile/Recreational Fires
- 3 Powerline Emergencies
- 2 Smoke Investigations – Outside
- 6 Automatic Fire/CO Alarms

Narrative/Discussion:

1. We are participating in a FEMA AFG Regional Communications Grant for new radios. The AFG Grant has not opened as of today.
2. Wildland assignment for 2020: Total payment: \$11,476.37.
 - a. Potter Creek Fire August 4th – 5th, Tender 993 was assigned. \$2,403.19
 - b. Valley Creek Fire September 9th – 12th, Tender 993 was assigned. \$5,679.61
 - c. Hubbart Dam Fire, October 6th – 9th Engine 982 was assigned. \$3,393.57
3. Annual Holiday Dinner: December 15th at 1830. Vista Linda will be catering.
4. On November 21st, several members participated in a fundraiser for Maverick Bench.

Station 91:

Nothing new to report.

Station 92:

Nothing new to report.

Apparatus and equipment needs:

- Will need to purchase additional PPE for new members.
- Annual DOT Inspections done on Engines 931, 933, 934, and Tender 993.

934:

- DOT inspection: Front fender blinker light not working and slack adjusters needed to be serviced.
- Need to have the tank to pump/tank fill valves evaluated for leaking.
- The lower preconnect valve was replaced due to leaking.

933:

- DOT Inspection: Exhaust leak under the cab, clunking in steering (slip joint below the steering wheel).
- Needs to have the tank to pump/tank fill valve rechecked, #1 discharge valve is leaking, and a leak behind the master steamer cover needs to be evaluated.

931:

- DOT inspection: Cab marker ID light not operating, drag link tie rod end has more than ¼" play, front brakes at max allowable adjustment, no audible low air alarm, coolant low.
- Pump engine exceeded acceptable temperature during pump testing. Possible clutch fan needs to be replaced. Will remain in service until repairs are completed.

993:

- DOT Inspection: Right rear facing DOT marker light not working.

Appliances:

- Researching cost for 1.75" X 50 hose replacement.

Staffing and Recruitment:

- Our website and face book page are continuously updated to reflect that we are always looking for volunteers.

Training Summary for November 2020:

11.3.2020 No Training, Election Day

11.10.2020 Interior Search and Rescue, FF drag review, LT Hull, Capt. Brower, Chief Beick

11.17.2020 Station Maintenance, Cadre

11.21.2020 Maverick Bench Fundraiser, Cadre

11.24.2020 No Training, Thanksgiving

Training Requests:

None at this time

Submitted: Amy Beick, Fire Chief

EMS Report: November 2020 Summary
Submitted: December 14, 2020 at 4:00 pm

Calls for November 2020:

NIFRS Incident Type Comparison Report:

- 3 Medical ALS
- 9 Medical Special ALS
- 16 Medical BLS Red
- 5 Medical BLS Yellow
- 1 MVA ALS
- 7 MVA BLS Red (1 Mutual aid)
- 1 Non-injury MVA
- 3 Structure Fire (3 Mutual aid)
- 1 Interfacilities

46 Total November 2020

33 calls November 2019

14 Transports, 1 Interfacilities, 0 Intercepts

11 Transports, 1 Interfacility, 0 Intercepts

Narrative/Discussion:

1. We received a total of \$12,774.14 from payments through Pintler Billing during November. This total includes insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and patient payments. Patient adjustments were \$11,391.94 for November. We billed \$13,017.20 during the month of November. We currently have \$35,954.75 in A/R. This includes insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and patient responsibilities. This amount does not include our patient accounts that have been sent to collections.
2. We have \$39,794.94 currently active in collections. Received a total of \$2,909.10 in 2020.

3. We have 1 new past due patient account and 1 previous past due account from Pintler asking if we want to pursue with collections or write off.
4. State EMS License inspections are being done virtually due to COVID-19.

Staffing and Recruitment:

- Still working on more on call Paramedics and EMTs.
- Our website and face book page are continuously updated to reflect that we are always looking for volunteer

Apparatus and equipment needs:

922

- The rear brakes including calipers and rotors need replaced. Quote: \$731.97
- Some of the new medical equipment and medications to be current with the updated Flathead County Protocols have been purchased. Will continue to purchase the needed equipment.

Training Summary for November 2020:

- 11.2.20 EMT Class: Lifting and Moving Patients, Assessments, Capt. Brower, Chief Beick
- 11.4.20 EMT Class: Patent Assessment, Chief Beick
- 11.9.20 KRMC Run Reviews
- 11.11.20 EMT Class: Patient Assessment cont., Assessment Skills, Capt. Brower and Chief Beick
- 11.16.20 EMT Class: Airway Management, Capt. Brower, Chief Beick
- 11.30.20 EMT Class: Principles of Pharmacology, Chief Beick

Training Requests:

None at this time.

Submitted: Amy Beick, Fire Chief