

Blankenship Volunteer Fire Department

February 2016

Attendance: Neil Baumann, Dan Diamond, Joy Harrell, Fire Chief Ed Burlingame and firefighter Ryan Dunn

Meeting was called to order at 7:35

Treasurer Report: Dan presented this months bills. Joy made a motion that the bills be paid. The motion was seconded and passed. We have \$24,383 in the Capital Account and \$31,570 in 7219.

Secretary Report: Minutes were read and approved.

Ed's Notes. Ed Burlingame presented his notes, a copy of which is enclosed.

New Business: Bob Love's term as Board Member is up. Ed Smith's position of Treasure is vacant and the county will post notice of that vacancy. Joy had copies of the Application and Re-Application forms to serve on a Board or Committee which were given to Dan Diamond. Dan will give these forms to Bob Love to re-apply as a member of the Board and Kathy Hagen to accept the position of Treasurer. Joy will notify Debbie Pierson that these forms have been given and ask her to wait to post the vacancies.

Ed Burlingame presented equipment needs for the firefighters. The gas meter on 1881 is not working. Ed would like to submit a grant to Flathead 911 Foundation for a new gas meter. The grant would not cover the full cost of the gas meter and he would like the fire department to assume responsibility for the balance of the cost of a new gas meter. That would be in the amount of \$500 to \$600. Also we need a new Thermal Imager. Ed will submit an application to Round Up For Safety to purchase a thermal imager with vehicle charger. He would like the department to help with funds not met in the grant. That would be in amount of about \$600. Dan made a motion, seconded by myself that Ed proceed with the grant process and we will be responsible to pay the remaining costs for the two items. Motion was passed and carried.

Ed Burlingame is working on a yearly budget for estimated firefighting costs including; vehicle maintenance, additional fire equipment, medical supplies, training costs for firefighters as well as other miscellaneous costs.

At the March meeting we will need to have a discussion of the allocation of funds from our Operating Account to Capital Fund Account

Old Business: Acknowledgement was made of Pete Clancy's "Letter to the Editor" that appeared in the Hungry Horse News.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10



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Ed's Notes February 2016

Chief's Activity

On February 1st I attended the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meeting at Flathead County OES.

Incidents

Since the last board meeting there has been 1 incident (#2016-02), This EMS incident occurred at the fire station when we were requested to meet the patient. The patient was transported by Three Rivers EMS.

Training

To date district firefighters have completed 229 hours of fire, EMS and Incident Management training.

Firefighter training was conducted on Thursday January 28th covering communications and chimney fires. The 2 hour session training session was attended by 6 district firefighters.

4 district firefighters conducted the comprehensive check of the vehicle and equipment on Thursday February 4th. During the check of equipment training was also provided on equipment operation.

Apparatus & Equipment Status

All vehicles and equipment are in working order and good repair.

1831 –

Generator - The onboard generator's carburetor float bowl and gasket were replaced due to fuel leakage.

Gas Meter - The M40 4 gas meter has experienced a failure of the Oxygen sensor and needs a new rechargeable battery. This unit ceased being produced in 2011. I will explore grant funding options to acquire another RAEII 4 gas meter.

1891 – No issues

1881 – No issues

Station Wheeled Generator – The generator was serviced and a fouled spark plug cleaned. The generator is now working well with no issues.

Building Status

The station standby generator underwent its annual maintenance on Tuesday February 9th. The service is provided by Northwest Power under annual contract.

No other issues have been noted.

EMS

Hunter, Lee and myself successfully completed our EMR recertification conducted over 2 Saturdays in January for a total of 16 hours. On February 25th, we will complete the required AHA CPR recertification. In early March I will complete the on-line recertification for all three EMRs with the MT Board of Medical Examiners.

Expenditures

Credit Card

Credit Card 2016

Date	Cost	Class	Vendor	Justification
1/7/2016	\$15.30	Fire Station	Walmart	Cleaning supplies - Bleach, wipes and Pine Oil
1/15/2016	\$21.99	Equipment	Murdoch's	5 gal fuel container
1/24/2016	\$96.58	EMS	Moore Med	3 C.A.T. Tourniquets for EMS kits
2/1/2016	\$15.99	Equipment	Amazon.com	Carburetor float bowl/seal for 1831's generator
2/5/2016	\$16.57	Equipment	NAPA	1 qt 5w30 oil (1831 Generator), 1 qt 10w30 for 1831

Credit Account

None

Wex Fuel

Date	Vehicle	Fuel	Am	Cost	Justification
2/5/2016	1881	Gas	7.00	\$16.86	Refill from Inc#1 and vehicle generators