

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 29, 2015

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on 10/29/2015. Board Chair Larry Brower called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: John Devine, Vargie Williams, Joyce Ratka and Kelly Ritterbush. Chief Katie Mast was present. Public was represented by Janine Presson and John Leach. Janine brought the board up to date on the issue of the Volunteer Firefighter's retirement program as it related to Don Klint.

On M/S/C (Williams), consented to the agenda as presented.

On M/S/C (Ritterbush), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting on 9/24/2015. [Attachment #1]

On M/S/C (Brower), approved the issue of warrants to pay current claims for payment [Attachment #2].

Treasurer's Report:

Listened to Devine provide the Treasurer's Report [Attachment #3]. We had \$ 55,136.98 cash on hand at the end of October and Claims of \$ 6,788.87. We presently have a cash balance of \$ 48,415.22 and are at 29% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$ 41,852.18. Both accounts reconciled with the county. On M/S/C (Devine), approved Treasurer's report.

Chief's Report:

Listened to Chief Mast provide the Chief's report [Attachment #4] The department responded to 20 calls since last meeting. 4 medical, 6 fire related, 6 MVA and 3 were other. We have had 170 calls so far this year. Personal: 2 new Cadets for a total of 4. Long time member Tyler Sutton resigned. Allison Sweem attended Lead Instructor Course a few weeks ago. Did a joint training session with Smith Valley. 1131 has been fixed, 1121 warranty repairs are completed. On October 23 we did a fire prevention presentation for the students of the Marion School. Chief proposed moving the White Ambulance to Ashley Lake as a QRU unit.

Ashley Lake Status:

No changes from previous reports.

Action Items:

Discussion ensued about the benefits of hiring two (2) EMT/Firefighters to solve the weekday staffing problems. Discussion ensued about the number of ALS transfers to BLS transfers. On M/S/C (Brower) Agreed to advertise for (1) Paramedic/Firefighter at \$13.00/hr DOE and (1) EMT/Firefighter at \$10.00/hr DOE for a 40 hour work week. Larry will place an ad in the paper and work with Mary Granger at Flathead County EMS to advertise the openings.

On M/S/C (Brower) Agreed to pay the fuel reimbursements as presented from 7-1-15 to 10-30-15

On M/S/C (Ritterbush) Agreed to spend up to \$ 3,000.00 for coats for the members and a dinner on December 12

Special Discussion:

Discussion ensued on our Accounts receivable from Sole Stone. Kelly will look into our agreement with Sole Stone and alternatives

Announcements:

Set the next regular meeting to be on November 19, 2015.

Adjournment:

On (M/S/C), (Brower) to adjourn at 8:52

Minutes recorded by: John Devine

Minutes approved on: November 19, 2015

Attest: _____

Larry L. Brower, Chair

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- M/S/C means a motion made by the trustee named in the following parentheses, and then seconded and carried.
 - Please, call (406) 854-2828, if you wish to listen to an audio recording of this meeting.
 - Advance notice of this meeting was provided to the public via a reader board at the Marion Community Center and publication in the *Daily Inter Lake*, the District's website www.marionfd.org, and its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT.