

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 19, 2015

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on 11/19/2015. Board Chair Larry Brower called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: John Devine, Vargie Williams, Joyce Ratka and Kelly Ritterbush. Chief Katie Mast was present. The public was not represented.

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

On M/S/C (Brower), approved the minutes of the Board’s previous regular meeting on 10/29/2015. [Attachment #1]

On M/S/C (Williams), 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 \$ 54,067.64 cash on hand at the end of October and claims of \$ 4,241.14. We presently have a cash balance of \$ 46,072.30 and are at 33% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$ 41,892.08. 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 17 calls since last meeting. 5 medical, 4 fire related, 4 MVA and 4 were other. We have had 187 calls so far this year. Personal: Jim Roets has attended 4 trainings and will begin training to drive the ambulances. John Leach is attending a Critical stress Debriefing Team class. The EMS class will begin on January 13th. It will run every Wed. and Fri. and a few Saturdays through the end of February. 1181 needs engine service, 1121 has a monitor glitch and 1131 has a fuel issue. The generator needed service and is up and running now, furnace was out at the McGregor Lake sub-station and we ran out of propane at the Ashley Lake sub-station. Community dinner on December 12th, coats have been ordered from Army-Navy and we are running low on gear for new fire fighters.

On M/S/C (Ratka), approved the purchase of EMT training books

Ashley Lake Status:

We have taken over the propane tank and heating issues.

Action Items:

We received only one application for the Paramedic/Fighter position and none for the EMT/Firefighter position. Discussion ensued and we decided to re-advertise the positions with a due date of December 22nd. This will be on next meeting's agenda. Officer nominations were made. Vargie Williams, Chairman; Joyce Ratka, Vice-Chairman; John Devine, Secretary/Treasurer. Election at the next meeting.

Special Discussion:

Heard a report from Vargie on CCTV cameras and recorders. The consensus was to evaluate this proposal for future purchase as the need for stronger security will be needed if we have a Paramedic on staff. Kelly reported on the Sole Stone billing issues and we found that we are not receiving payments from CMS. We will work on this and report at the next meeting.

Announcements:

Set the next regular meeting to be on December 23, 2015.

Adjournment:

On (M/S/C), (Brower) to adjourn at 8:20

Minutes recorded by: John Devine

Minutes approved on: December 23, 2015

Attest: _____
Larry L. Brower, Chair

- 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.