

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 28, 2016

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on 01/28/2016. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: John Devine, Larry Brower, Joyce Ratka and Kelly Ritterbush. Chief Katie Mast was present from the department. The public was not represented.

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

On M/S/C (Devine), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting on 12/23/2015 and the special meeting on January 6, 2016. [Attachment #1]

On M/S/C (Ritterbush), 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 \$ 163,836.68 cash on hand at the end of January and claims of \$ 17,762.33. We presently have a cash balance of \$ 145,995.17 and are at 39% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$ 41,958.46. 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. 12 medical, 1 fire related, 3 MVA and 2 were other. We have had 17 calls so far this year. Personal: Gary Presson conducted a Low Angle rescue class, Allison and Kate completed their EMT refreshers, Jason is taking the EMR class at Smith Valley, Chad and Dave are taking the advanced Wildland Firefighter class with DNRC. Ice rescue class on February 6th. Aaron Jones and Jim Roets are taking the Advanced fir behavior class at the end of February. Fire academy starts the first weekend in March. Issues with 1131 and 1191 have been addressed. Our Medicare application is almost complete. We received a grant from Round up for Safety of \$ 3,500.00 for purchase of a rapid deployment craft for ice rescues. I applied for a AFG for \$ 173,000.00 to replace our SCBA's and a compressor. Requires a 5% match. On M/S/C (Brower) approved \$ 1,600.00 for the rapid deployment craft.

Ashley Lake Status:

No change as of this date

Action Items:

On M/S/C (Ritterbush) agreed to pay \$ 1,400.00 for repairs to 1161. Workers Compensation Insurance is reviewed for roster changes monthly. If a member is on the roster for one day of a month it counts as being on the roster for the whole month. We only pay for active members on the roster. The employment contracts were discussed at length and adopted after minor modification. Pay periods will be semi-monthly for Katie, payment on the 1st and 15th. Pay periods for Brian will be bi-weekly.

Special Discussion:

The security system was tabled to a future date. Discussion on raising rates for ambulance calls ensued. No decision was made and more research into what other nearby services are charging will be looked into.

Announcements:

Set the next regular meeting to be on February 25, 2016.

Adjournment:

On (M/S/C), (Devine) to adjourn at 9:14

Minutes recorded by: John Devine

Minutes approved on: February 25, 2016

Attest: _____

Vargie Williams, 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.
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