

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 2016

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on 02/25/2016. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 7:09 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 (Devine), consented to the agenda as presented.

On M/S/C (Brower), approved the minutes of the Board’s previous regular meeting on 01/28/2016. [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 \$ 156,104.31 cash on hand at the end of February and claims of \$ 14,085.30. We presently have a cash balance of \$ 140,794.64 and are at 48% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$ 41,974.28. Both accounts reconciled with the county. On M/S/C (Brower), approved Treasurer's report.

Chief's Report:

Listened to Chief Mast provide the Chief's report [Attachment #4] The department responded to 9 calls since last meeting. 3 medical, 2 fire related, 3 MVA and 1 was other. We have had 22 calls so far this year. Personal: Our 2 new personal have been attending trainings and are responding to calls. Jason will be finishing the EMR class at Smith Valley and will need to go to Missoula for testing. Ice Water Rescue class was held February 6th and was well attended. Jim Roets is taking the Advanced Fire Behavior class. Fire academy starts the first weekend in March and we have 3 people attending. We received 3 scholarships for people to attend the annual EMS conference in CDA, April 21-23rd. Lodging is \$90 per night and federal rates for per diem in CDA is \$59 daily. Issues with 1131 will be addressed. Minor apparatus maintenance is being done on a weekly basis now. Our Medicare application is complete and we paid the filing fee. We received an offer from Cabinet View FD to use their structure turnouts and SCBA's if they no longer need them. Sale of the extra gurney was discussed and also the cadet program. The payoff of the leased vehicles was discussed at length and will be on the next meeting's Agenda as an Action item.

Ashley Lake Status:

No change as of this date and will be on next meeting's agenda as an action item

Action Items:

On M/S/C (Brower) agreed to set a holiday schedule for our employees. Holidays will be Christmas, Memorial Day, 4th of July , Labor Day, Thanksgiving and New Years Day. Discussion ensued about our charges for ALS and BLS ambulance services. On M/S/C (Brower) agreed to raise rates to \$800 for BLS and \$1000 for ALS. Also discussed is how to handle the past due accounts. Consensus was to write off all charges before 2015. This will be on next meeting's agenda.

Special Discussion:

CMS application was discussed under chief's report

Announcements:

Set the next regular meeting to be on March 31, 2016.

Adjournment:

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

Minutes recorded by: John Devine

Minutes approved on: March 31, 2016

Attest: _____
Vargie Williams, 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.