

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 27, 2016

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on 10/27/2016. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: John Devine, Joyce Ratka, Ruth Skaggs and Kelly Ritterbush. Asst. Chief Aaron Jones was present from the department. The public was represented by Lily Brower.

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

On M/S/C (Ritterbush), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting on 09/29/2016. [Attachment #1]

On M/S/C (Ratka), 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 \$ 73,063.18 cash on hand at the end of September and claims of \$ 19,353.75. We presently have a cash balance of \$ 50,567.70 and are at 29% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$ 50,224.10. Both accounts reconciled with the county. On M/S/C (Devine), approved Treasurer's report.

Chief's Report:

Listened to Asst. Chief Jones provide the Chief's report [Attachment #4] The department responded to 11 calls since last meeting. 6 medical, 2 Recreational burns, 2 MVA, 1 automatic fire alarm. We have had 172 calls so far this year. Personal: Everyone continues to do well and stays busy with training. The asst. chief and the other officers are stepping up and running many of the operational aspects. EMT students are doing well and the EMR students are in the final phase of testing and getting their licenses. 1192 pump panel not working and valve leaks, 1133 has exhaust leak, 1122 steering feels loose and 1121 is back in service after the deer hit. Cameras have been installed at McGregor Lake and Ashley Lake. We have ordered longer cables for the main station for two cameras. The rest are installed. We bought the culvert and will get it installed at Ashley Lake within the next week. We also seeded the helipad with grass. Fire prevention week was October 9-14 and we hosted the children from Marion and Pleasant Valley. We will host a Halloween event for the public on October 31, 2016.

Action Items:

No action was taken on the Ashley Lake sub-station and will be on next meeting's agenda.

No action was taken on Murphy's bill and will be on next meeting's agenda.

We have submitted the paperwork to procure a title for the White Ambulance.

Special Discussion:

Progress report on billing change to Pintler was delayed until next meeting.

The Fire District has entered into an agreement with Smith Valley for ALS services @ \$ 200.00 per call.

Announcements:

Set the next regular meeting to be on November 30, 2016.

Adjournment:

On (M/S/C), (Ratka) to adjourn at 7:45

Minutes recorded by: John Devine

Minutes approved on: November 30, 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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