

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – January 26, 2017

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on January 26, 2017. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Ruth Skaggs and Kelly Ritterbush. John Devine, Treasurer present. Chief Katie Mast was present from the department. The public was represented by Lily Brower and Dick Ramos. On M/S/C (Ratka), consented to the agenda as presented.

On M/S/C (Ritterbush), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting on 12/29/2016. [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 \$ 119,818.60 cash on hand at the end of December and claims of \$ 19,399.72. We presently have a cash balance of \$ 92,710.86 and are at 51% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$ 50,318.16. Both accounts reconciled with the county. On M/S/C (Williams), approved Treasurer's report.

Chief's Report:

Listened to Chief Mast provide the Chief's report [Attachment #4] The department responded to 12 calls since last meeting. 5 medical, 1 structure fire, 2 automatic fire alarms, 3 MVA, and 1 motor vehicle fire. We have had 10 calls so far this year. Personal: Everyone continues to do well and stays busy with training. The 3 EMT students completed the course. Shelby was the first to be licensed. Nauni and Victoria are still needing to do the NREMT test in Missoula. 5 of our members took the basic wildland classes this month and 3 took the advanced wildland classes. We had a Traffic Incident Management class here on January 17, taught by Sergeant Betz of the Montana Highway Patrol. Members of Montana Department of transportation were present. On February 17, 18, and 19 we are hosting an Ice Water Rescue instructor class. If we fill 17 seats, we can put 3 of our own people through the course for free. The instructors are flying in from Denver. Our only costs are providing them with a vehicle for the course of 3 days. The other option was to fly our people to Denver and pay for lodging, food, plus \$450. per person taking the class. I attended a class yesterday at Bigfork Fire to receive training on Reasonable Suspicion Regulatory Requirements. The auxiliary approved up to \$25,000 for a breathing air compressor to fill our SCBAs. I have a quote narrowed down to \$22,668.00 for the compressor, shipping, and 1 year of maintenance. I am still working with electricians to get quotes as I need a 220 outlet added to the McGregor station.

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.

Will schedule special meeting to discuss wages in February

No emergency actions.

Special Discussion:

Pintler transition going well, deposit slips sent to Lesley.

Painting of fire bays has been completed.

Appreciation dinner is all set for Saturday 6pm

It was decided not to pursue a payroll company at this time.

Auxiliary wants to use the Fire District logo on letter, agreed that was a good idea.

Announcements:

Set the next regular meeting to be on February 23, 2017.

Adjournment:

On (M/S/C), (Ratka) to adjourn at 7:47

Minutes recorded by: Kelly Ritterbush

Minutes approved on: February 23, 2017

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.
 - 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.