

## Marion Fire District

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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – March 30, 2017**

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on, March 30 2017. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Ruth Skaggs and Kelly Ritterbush. John Devine, Treasure present. Chief Katie Mast was present from the department. The public was represented by Larry and 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 February 23, 2017 and Special meeting amended minutes February 15, 2017. [Attachment #1]

On M/S/C (Ritterbush), approved the issue of warrants to pay current claims for payment [Attachment #2].

#### **Public Comment:**

Larry Brower brought up concerns he had about the location of the special meeting held February 15, 2017, he thought it looked "sneaky", Williams explained the board approved the venue change so, they could discuss wage increase. Brower also had concerns over the dollar amount of wage increases "his tax dollars were paying". Dick Ramos opinion was that our employees had proved there worth and deserved the increases. The board pointed out the improvements to the department and the incoming revenue since Chief Mast was hired and believe she and the other employees earned the increases. Brower also brought up a concern about lack of maintenance being done to the vehicles. Chief Mast spoke up to explain the maintenance and Brower became verbally abusive towards her and was asked by the Board Chair Williams, to be respectful during the meetings. The development of maintenance logs by Chief Mast was explained and that maintenance prior to her was never documented any place. Brower voiced concern that meeting minutes needed to provide more information.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Listened to Devine provide the Treasurer's Report [Attachment #3]. We had \$ 95,063.44 cash on hand at the end of February and claims of \$ 13,591.28. We presently have a cash balance of \$ 80,624.83 and are at 67% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$ 50,370.17. Both accounts reconciled with the county. On M/S/C (Ritterbush), approved Treasurer's report.

#### **Chief's Report:**

Listened to Chief Mast provide the Chief's report [Attachment #4]

Total Calls to Date: 41

Up 4 from last year this date 11 calls since last meeting on February 23, 2017, 7 Medical (5 Marion transports-1 SMV transport, 1 pt. refusal), 1 fire alarm, 1 Misdispatch, 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents (Non Injury). Everyone continues to stay busy and is doing well. We still have 6 personnel in the EMR class. On April 22 and 23, Aarron, Dave, Jason, and myself are taking a 2 day leadership class. The end of April is the The Summit conference in CDA. I would like to send 2-3 people to it. Equipment Maintenance: Nothing notable at this time. The SCBA compressor has been ordered and an electrician is scheduled to install it as soon as it comes in. Updates and Community events: Our upcoming community events will be an Easter egg hunt on April 15. The pancake breakfast is from 9-11. Egg hunt for all ages at 11 am. Also, we are hosting another Father's Day pancake breakfast at the Ashley Lake station in June. Currently, the 4 grants we have out are: Fema Assistance to Firefighters grant for \$211,000 for a water tender, \$12,000 to Town Pump for wildland gear, \$1,000 for fire prevention, and \$25,000 for a power gurney. Medicaid application is being processed. Upcoming costs, We will keep having some training costs periodically as we buy books, testing, and licensure for the EMRs. Costs of CDA conference.

#### **Action Items:**

Ashley Lake Building Acceptance Progress: Should be transferred soon.

Payment of bid balance to Murphy's Excavating: Devine was asked to send an invoice to the county and then we will receive the money to make the past due payment to Murphy.

No Emergency Actions.

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- M/S/C means a motion made by the trustee named in the following parentheses, and then seconded and carried.
  - If you wish to listen to an audio recording of this meeting, pleas submit a written request.
  - 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](http://www.marionfd.org), and its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT](https://www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT).

**Special Discussion:**

Progress on billing change to Pintler. Working on Medicaid application.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting Date Set the next regular meeting to be on April 27, 2017.

**Public Requests for Information:**

Lily Brower requested a copy of the minutes, agenda, treasures report, and the warrants. Paid and received March 30, 2017

Lily Brower requested copies of Credit Card statements (reviewed in office with Chair Williams)

Lily Brower requested copies of employee contracts for paid staff and vehicle up keep records.

**Adjournment:**

On (M/S/C), (Ritterbush) to adjourn at 7:40

Minutes recorded by: Kelly Ritterbush

Minutes approved on:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Vargie Williams, Chair