

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – May 24, 2017

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on, May 24 2017. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Ruth Skaggs and Kelly Ritterbush. John Devine, Treasure present. Joyce Ratka excused absence. Chief Katie Mast was present from the department. The public was represented by Lily Brower and Larry Brower.

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

On M/S/C (Skaggs), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting April 27, 2017

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

Public Comment:

Lily Brower brought up concerns with names being used in the minutes. Larry Brower brought up the question of "Rules of order for public comment", Chair Vargie Williams discussed the rules as, Public comment will open, each member of the public will have 3 minutes to speak, the board will refrain from interrupting or commenting on public comments,

Treasurer's Report:

Listened to Devine provide the Treasurer's Report [Attachment #3]. We had \$ 81,955.86 cash on hand at the end of March and claims of \$ 17,785.01. We presently have a cash balance of \$64,535.76 and are at 80% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$ 50,442.12. 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: 70

Up 14 from last year this date 16 calls since last meeting on April 27, 2017, 10 Medical (4 Marion transports-1 alert transport, 4 pt. refusal, 1 Smith Valley transport), 2 power line down, 1 Burn pile/recreational burn, 2 Automatic Fire Alarms.

Personnel: The personnel are doing a fantastic job of helping out around the station and training with a vengeance. We had 3 new recruits; Jessica Lyles, Marsha Lyles, and Michael Lyles fill out applications and attend training last night.

Training: We have 4 EMRs who are doing their practical testing tomorrow night. Gary successfully completed the Flathead Firefighter academy. Last evening, 20 people attended the annual wildland refresher, taught by Jesse Best, FMO with DNRC. We are working to finish training with the 9 people who took their wildland courses in January as well. The pack test is scheduled for June 4th, after which all personnel will be red carded. Other upcoming trainings include sending 1181 with a crew of 3 to the Boorman Engine academy on June 13th-16th. Also, on July 8th we will be doing a joint training with DNRC personnel.

Equipment Maintenance and Updates: 1161, the chase rig, had front brakes replaced. It was recommended to have rear brakes done by the end of summer. The electrical work was done at the McGregor Lake station and the new SCBA compressor has been installed. Fire Apparatus Repair serviced 1133 and 1192.

Updates and Community Events: We are hosting another Father's Day pancake breakfast at the Ashley Lake station on Saturday, June 10. Currently, the 3 grants we have out are: FEMA Assistance to Firefighters grant for \$211,000 for a water tender, \$1,000 for fire prevention, and \$25,000 for a power gurney. We received \$5,000 from the Montana Town Pump grant, for which we asked for \$14,000. I already placed an order for wildland gear for new personnel.

Upcoming Costs: Pavement repairs at the McGregor Lake station, Tires on 1133, and PhysioControl service contracts

Additional Discussion: Skydive Lost Prairie Contract review and revision, Vacation time the week of June 5th Bill from Ashley Lake Alert LZ

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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, please 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, and its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT.

Action Items:

No Emergency Actions.

Special Discussion:

- A. Ashley Lake Building Acceptance Progress.
- B. Payment of balance to Murphy's excavating
- C. Progress on meeting with Commissioner's. Vargie spoke with the commissioners at their May 9, 2017 meeting. They are going to look at all of the Murphy invoices to make sure it has not been paid already. Larry Brower (past Chair) said he had personally taken multiple invoices to Lincoln Chute, at the county. Larry Brower also says he was present when Lincoln authorized Murphy to do the work that was not included in the estimate.
- D. Progress on Pintler work on Medicaid application. – No new update on the application.
- E. Public Request for information -
Lily Brower requested a copy of the minutes, agenda, treasures report, and the warrants. Paid and received on May 24, 2017

Announcements:

Next Meeting Date Set the next regular meeting to be on June 28, 2017 at 3:00 pm

Adjournment:

On (M/S/C), (Ritterbush) to adjourn at 8:00 pm

Minutes recorded by: Kelly Ritterbush

Minutes approved on:

Attest: _____
Vargie Williams, Chair

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