

## Marion Fire District

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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – September 28, 2017**

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on, September 28, 2017. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Kelly Ritterbush, Ruth Skaggs, and Dick Ramos. John Devine, Treasure absent. Chief Mast was present from the department. The public was represented by Lily Brower and Michael Kuphal

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

On M/S/C (Skaggs), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting August 31 (with one correction) and special meeting (Ratka) September 20, 2017

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

Skaggs has questions about the payment to the US Treasury, John absent and not available for clarification

**Public Comment: Anyone wishing to speak will give their name, address, and will have 3 minutes to speak.**

None

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

Listened to Vargie Williams provide the Treasurer's Report for John Devine [Attachment #3]. We had \$85,424.85 cash on hand at the end of August and claims of \$19,103.51. We presently have a cash balance of \$57,427.57 and are at 16% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$50,631.79. Both accounts reconciled with the county. On M/S/C (Ritterbush), approved Treasurer's report.

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

##### **Total Calls to Date: 195**

Up 34 from last year this date, 26 calls since last meeting. 10 Medical (8 Marion patient transports-2 Alert transport, 0 pt refusal), 3 MVA Non Injuries, 6 Wildland Fires (4 mutual aid), 2 Burn pile/Recreational Burn, 4 Automatic Fire, and 1 Structure fire/mutual aid.

**Personnel:** Eric, the paramedic/firefighter who moved here from California is waiting for his Montana Paramedic license. Toby, the EMT/firefighter who moved here from Washington/Idaho is waiting for his Montana EMT license as well. **Training:** On September 6<sup>th</sup>, we started an in-house EMT class with 7 people signed up to take it. We sent 13 personnel to the Rocky Mountain Trauma symposium on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. **Equipment Maintenance and Updates:** Our ambulance inspections happened on Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. The Equipment is looking decent right now. 1192 and 1161 will need back brake work before the end of the year.

**Updates and Community Events:** We did a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Firefighter/EMT Shawna McCullum-Floyd and her husband who was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. The event was successful and we raised \$4800.00.

#### **Additional Discussion:**

Harlow's bus parking- Harlow's would like to park 3 school buses at the station. They would have an electrician come out and run electricity to the site and they would pay for usage. After discussion, it is noted that Harlow does not pay promptly or the amount owed and the school district has turned them down for parking on school property. Other options will be suggested for parking.

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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](http://www.marionfd.org), and its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT](https://www.facebook.com/MarionFireMT).

**Action Items:**

- A. ALS Certification- We should have our drug license soon.
- B. Paving Stations- Michael from Glacier Paving was present to answer questions and explain proposed work to be done. There is a 1 year guarantee on workmanship. Sealcoating is recommended 1-3 years after new blacktop is laid and is an additional cost. If approved, we can schedule for May 2018. Michael will provide a clearer, more precise bid.
- C. Emergency Actions

**Special Discussion:**

- A. Progress on Pintler work on Medicaid application.- Leslie has provided a sample policy for payments. The board will read them and come up with a policy that works for our district.
- B. Public Request for information -  
Lily Brower requested a copy of the minutes, agenda, treasures report, Chiefs report, and the warrants. Received on September 28 , 2017

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting Date Set the next regular meeting to be on October 26, 2017 5:00 pm

**Adjournment:**

adjourn at 6:18 pm

Minutes recorded by: Kelly Ritterbush

Minutes approved on:

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