

## Marion Fire District

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

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on, December 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. Chief Mast was present for the department. The public was represented by Lily Brower, Chris Sampley, and Matt Sampley.

On M/S/C (Ratka, Ritterbush), consented to the agenda

On M/S/C (Skaggs,Ratka), approved the minutes of the Board's previous regular meeting October 26, 2017.

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

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

Brower, noted pictures had been removed for painting and would like to see some of the older pictures, of department crews, put back up in the community room.

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

Listened to John Devine provide the Treasurer's Report [Attachment #3]. We had \$127,852.08 cash on hand at the end of November and claims of \$21,065.06. We presently have a cash balance of \$103,275.76 and are at 40% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$50,785.28. Both accounts reconciled. Two credit cards were pre-paid and have not been reconciled yet.

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

**Total Calls to Date:** 2687 Medical- (5 Marion patient transports), 1 ALERT transports, 1 pt refusal) , MVA Non Injuries, 1 Wildland Fires/ smoke investigation, 1 Automatic Fire Alarms, 2 Structure fire, 1 mutual aid to Smith Valley, 1 Mis dispatch, 1 power line emergency.

**Personnel:** No new personnel.

**Training:** The EMT class is complete and they've all passed the practical testing. Jason passed his NREMT test and the rest of the students are scheduling for January.

We have ice rescue class and refresher scheduled for the January 16<sup>th</sup> .

Marsha and Mike Lyles will be taking the Basic Wildland classes in January, taught by the DNRC. Mike W, Spencer, Matt, and Kyle are taking the advanced classes also.

We are discussing the possibility of doing the Firefighter Academy in house this year, with a start date of March.

**Equipment Maintenance and Updates:** I replaced the tires on 1121, the first out ambulance with a more aggressive thread. The factory tires were not very good on the snowy/icy roads and were a safety issue. The cost was \$2,439.00.

KC, the mechanic that is working for Sean, is on a schedule to come here once a month to take care of issues on the big rigs. He replaced the rear brakes on water tender, 1192 this week.

1161 needs rear brakes. Gary and I will replace these next week.

**Up Coming Costs:** I would like to purchase 2 ice rescue suits for \$1900, using the funds out of our fund raising profits.

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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).

**Community Events:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Community Turkey Dinner drew a nice crowd. The donations that came in from dinner and the pie auction were just under \$2100. (Treasure notes a total of \$2147.00 after an additional \$100.00 check arrived)

**Additional Discussion:** We asked Flathead Electric to fund us for purchasing a gas monitor and thermal imager, totaling \$7195.00. They granted us \$6,000. They also asked to feature us in their monthly newsletter. The grant I have out for \$12,000 to the Montana Wildfire Relief fund for wildland equipment has not been announced yet. The auxiliary agreed to fund a new training building for the price of \$8500.

**Action Items:**

- A. ALS Certification- No Update
- B. Culligan Water Treatment- Dick took the water sample in and should have the reports back next week. Waiting for a call back from American Water Works.
- C. Appreciation Dinner- Menu will be Smoked Beef Brisket with sides.
- D. Elections- Ritterbush nominated, Williams for Chair, Ratka for Co-Chair, Nomination carried with a unanimous vote.
- E. Pintler/ Collection accounts – No new accounts to review
- F. Emergency Actions – Pay for crews that went to California. Earlier in the year the board had discussed paying \$300.00 per day for Engine Boss and \$250.00 per day for fire fighters responding to the California fires. This was based on working 12 hour shifts while on a fire, California schedules crews 24 hours on and 24 hours off. California also authorized backfill pay (pay to replace paid employees). Question, should we pay more per day? Based on the contract amount of \$52,992.00 (possibly \$59,616.00) expected from California and that other crews were making and hourly wage, with overtime, Ritterbush recommended raising the amounts to \$350.00 per day for Engine Boss and \$300.00 per day for firefighters. M/S/C (Ritterbush, Ratka)

**Special Discussion:**

- A. Public Request for information - Lily Brower requested a copy of the minutes, agenda, treasures report, Chiefs report, and the warrants. Received on December 28, 2017

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting Date Set the next regular meeting to be on January 25, 2018 5:00 pm

**Adjournment:**

Adjourn at 5:53 pm

Minutes recorded by: Kelly Ritterbush

Minutes approved on:

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