

## Marion Fire District

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### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – March 29, 2018**

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on, March 29, 2018. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:07 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. 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 February 22,2018. M/S/C (Ritterbush, Ramos), 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.**

Public present: Shirley Webster, Lily Brower, Matt Sampley, Sam Sampley, and Chris Sampley

No Public comments

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

Listened to John Devine provide the Treasurer's Report [Attachment #3]. We had \$52,605.56 cash on hand at the end of February and claims of \$21,539.50. We presently have a cash balance of \$32,891.57 and are at 84% of Budget. Capital Improvement fund has a balance of \$50,962.28. Both accounts reconciled. M/S/C (Ritterbush, Ramos) We are currently still waiting for the check from State of California for the assignment last fall, hopefully that will arrive in April. We are also waiting for a check from Montana DNRC for assignments last summer. Also, waiting on the final invoice for the new fire truck purchase, so capital improvement funds can be transferred.

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

**Total Calls to Date: 42** 19 calls since last meeting Medical 14- (9 Marion patient transports, 1 Smith Valley transport, 1 Alert transport, 3 non transport), 2 MVA Non Injuries, 1 Test call, 1 structure Fires, 1 outdoor smoke investigation.

**Personnel:** 2 new personnel, Nora Rye and Bob Blankenship

**Training:** We are almost halfway through the firefighter academy. We have 7 personnel attending and class is going well. Completion date is still scheduled for the last weekend in May.

**Equipment Maintenance and Updates:** The old 1131 is sold, out the door, and off of insurance. It sold for \$5,000.00. The new 1131 is here and almost in service. I added it to our insurance. We are still waiting on a second bill of sale from Point Pleasant FD in order to be able to do the title exchange and registration. It still needs: Decals (St. Marie is working on pricing), 5 valves are leaking- the truck was not completely drained when it was shipped and cased some freeze damage. KC has ordered valves, but is waiting for the go ahead to install them.

**Up Coming Costs:** Sign for Ashley Lake Station, work on 1131, extended warranty on 1121.

**Community Events:** The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake breakfast is scheduled for this Saturday, March 31st from 9-11 am.

**Additional Discussion:** Policy on membership guidelines, California fire assignment.

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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. Extended Warranties- Waiting on another quote
- B. Culligan Water Treatment- The recommendation is to go with Advantage Water Conditioning system, Dick will get a contract to purchase the two systems.
- C. Ashley Lake Station Sign- Two sizes available 48" x 80" 446.64 and 48 x 60" 325.80. The smaller one will fit under the light on the building. M/S/C (Ratka/Skaggs) to purchase the 48x60" for \$325.80
- D. GIS Audit- M/S/C (Skaggs/Ratka) to except the county audit. John has looked up the addresses and verified the additions and 1 deletion for being just outside our district.
- E. Sole Stone Medical- M/S/C (Ritterbush/Ratka) to right off the past due bills Sole Stone still has on the books, these accounts are from 2013 thru January 2017 Medicare/Medicaid that we cannot collect on. The amount to be written off is \$30,895.94 and will end our business with Sole Stone.
- F. Pintler/Collection Accounts- Katie will ask Pintler if they offered the financial packet.
- G. Emergency Actions

**Special Discussion:**

- A. Public Request for information – Lily Brower paid and was provided on March 29, 2018
- B. Nominee introductions- The election will be by mail out ballot on/or about May 8<sup>th</sup>. There are three nominees for the two seats coming available.
  - 1. Chris Sampley- Was a K-8 educator, school counselor, and elementary principal. Has served as president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer on multiple organizations over the years.
  - 2. Shirley Webster- Holds licenses as Marriage and Family Therapist, Alcohol and Drug Counselor, and Professional Counselor. Has been an Adjunct Professor (university and community college), Mental Health counselor & Social Skills Teacher K-12, substitute teacher K-8 and is affiliated with multiple State/Local boards in Alaska, Montana, and Nevada.
  - 3. Dick Ramos- Retired from Real Estate and Investment Banking (Vice President). Currently works with Flathead Industries assisting disabled community members. Has served as President/Chairman on multiple community boards.

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting Date Set the next regular meeting to be on April 26, 2018 5:00 pm

**Adjournment:**

Adjourn at 6:15 pm

Minutes recorded by: Kelly Ritterbush

Minutes approved on:

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