

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – October 25, 2018

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on October 25, 2018. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Shirley Webster, Ruth Skaggs, and John Devine. Dick Ramos was authorized an excused absence. Chief Mast was present for the department.

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

M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs) approved the minutes of the Board's Regular Meeting on September 27, 2018

M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs) approved the issue of warrants to pay current claims for payment

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

Public present: Jessica Barrett, fire fighter and EMT, Chris Sampley, MFD Auxiliary member.

Treasurer's Report/Financial:

John Devine, Board Treasurer, provided a comprehensive overview the Treasurer's Report.

Cash balance as of 10/25/18 is \$73,366.48, Capital Improvement balance is \$11,004.70

M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs) review and approval of Treasurer's Report

Chief Mast - Donations to date: \$1,895 – McGregor Lake Pancake Breakfast; \$500 – Levy presentation
McGregor Lake Lodge

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Mast

Total Calls to Date: 167

47 calls down from last year

8 calls since last meeting on Sept. 28, 2018

- 3 Medical- (2 Marion patient transport, 1 deceased)
- 4 Wildland fires
- 1 misdispatch

Personnel:

Nothing significant to report.

Training:

Oct. 2, Commercial Building structure fire scenario

Oct. 6, CPR class

Oct. 9, Plan was ladder drills, but had a wildland fire that took all evening

Oct. 16, Ladder Drills

Oct. 18, Medical training

Oct. 23, Prep for Halloween

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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.

Oct. 30, School Walk through and Cold Weather ops

Equipment Maintenance and Updates:

Water tender 1193 –nothing to report

Water tender 1192- Solid, KC fixed the ABS Sensor

Water tender 1191- nothing to report

Engine 1131 –still needs 2 discharge valves

Engine 1132- Needs a new headlight on the driver’s side

Engine 1133- Nothing to report

Engine 1134- Nothing to report

Engine 1181-Nothing to report

Command Rig – 1161

Ambulance 1121 –Nothing to report

Ambulance 1122- Replaced a few light bulbs

Ambulance 1123- Has had a leak in the air ride system for a few years, we are trying to find the leak and see if it’s fixable.

Upcoming Costs:

- Auxiliary - \$5,000 for hose (*Chief will request funds from MFD Auxiliary*)

Community Events:

- Fire Prevention week was October 7th-13th. It didn’t work to do our annual event that week, so we rescheduled for November 16th at 2 pm.
- Our 3rd annual Haunted house is this weekend, Friday night from 6-9, and Saturday night from 5-9.

Additional Discussion:

- AFG Grant – 3K+
- Fire Season 2018 Recap
- Firefighter year end discussion
 - *Chief Mast commended the Ashley Lake officers for the “terrific job” they have done to help cover the fire season.*

Tax Levy Update:

- TV spot
- Signage
- Public meeting review - *see action item below*
- November 6th dinner

Conclusion of Chief’s Report

Action Items:

- A. Pintler/Collection Accounts – No updates or need for discussion
- B. Levy Increase and Public Meetings – Chief Mast provided a recap of attendance and positive feedback received from members of the Marion Community.
- C. Emergency Actions – None

New Business:

- CPR – Marion school scheduled for 1/16/19; public request for training
- Active Shooter Training 11/10/18
- Badges & Shirts – Board discussed the purchase of professional ID badges (\$50 each) and shirts (\$25 each) for the emergency response team). The Board supported Chief’s request and will follow up during the November Board meeting.
- Appreciation Dinner – Board Chair, Vargie Williams, discussed this event which is scheduled for the end of January 2019. Feedback from the Board on food suggestions was requested.

Announcements:

Next Meeting Date: The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2018 at 5:00 pm

Adjournment: 6:30PM

Minutes recorded by: Shirley Webster

Previous Minutes (September 27, 2018) approved on: 10/25/2018

Attest: _____
Vargie Williams, Chair Date