

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – March 28, 2019

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on March 28, 2019. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Ruth Skaggs, Dick Ramos, Shirley Webster, and John Devine. Chief Mast was present for the department. Board Secretary, Shirley Webster will be excused from the April Meeting as per previous discussion and approval. Vice Chair, Joyce Ratka, will record the minutes.

M/S/C (Radka, Skaags) consented to the agenda

M/S/C (Skaggs, Ramos) approved the minutes of the Board's Regular Meeting on February 28, 2018

M/S/C (Skaggs, Ratka) 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: Gary Webster, Firefighter & EMET, Greg Mercurio, Community Member.

Treasurer's Report/Financial:

John Devine, Board Treasurer, provided a comprehensive overview the Treasurer's Report. We are currently at 69% of budget. Cash balance as of 3/28/19 is \$114, 667.02. Capital Improvement balance as of 2/28/19 is \$11,094.24. M/S/C (Ratka, Skaggs) review and approval of Treasurer's Report.

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Mast

Total Calls to Date: 25

15 calls down from last year

3 calls since last meeting on March 28, 2019

- 2 Medical- (1 Marion patient transport, 1 patient refusal)
- 1 Motor Vehicle Accident, no injury

Personnel:

Nothing significant to report.

Training:

March, Fire –Hose maze, victim search

March 7, Medical –Scenarios and protocol review

March 14, Fire –Pump Ops

March 19, Planning and prep for Memorial

March 26, Fire –Wildland firehose lays

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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.

Equipment Maintenance and Updates:

Water tender 1193- nothing to report

Water tender 1192- nothing to report

Water tender 1191- Has a radiator leak

Engine 1131- nothing to report

Engine 1132- nothing to report

Engine 1133- nothing to report

Engine 1134- nothing to report

Engine 1181- Pump needs a new battery

Command Rig 1161- Replaces spark plugs, put summer tires back on

Ambulance 1121- needs summer tires put on

Ambulance 1122- nothing to report

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 is fixable. Low priority project but will do as we have time and money.

Upcoming Costs:

- Water system at Ashley lake
- New Frontier Conference –associated costs for 6 people: Motel/\$810.00, Food/\$1,098.00, Fuel/Gas card

Community Events:

4/20/19 Easter Egg Hunt & Pancake Breakfast

MFD will host firefighter memorial service for Bruce Witt on 3/20/19

Additional Discussion:

- Fully Involved, leadership/motivational class – Auxiliary will pay \$1,000.00 deposit to class facilitator. MFD will charge \$100.00 per person.
- Era of Megafires – Chief Mast will circulate information to local homeowners

Tabled Discussion:

- Ashley Lake Donation/Power Load system for 1122
- Water fill site at Ashley Lake
- 1999 Saab (needs roughly \$1,000 in new brakes, battery, etc. Liability insurance is \$217 yearly)

Conclusion of Chief's Report

Action Items:

- A. Pintler/Collection Accounts – No updates/discussion
- B. Emergency Actions – None

Discussion Items:

None

New Business:

Information item: District Board Financial Training – 1 hr class, 5/30/19, 3PM or 6PM; all Board Members are welcome to attend.

The GIS Report (list of taxable property) is due for approval by April 30, 2019.

Announcements:

Next Meeting Date: The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2019 at 5:00PM.

Adjournment: 5:40 PM

Minutes recorded by: Shirley Webster, Board Secretary

Attest: _____
Vargie Williams, Chair Date