

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – December 19, 2019

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on December 19, 2019. Board Chair Vargie Williams called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Joyce Ratka, Shirley Webster, Greg Mercurio, and Dick Ramos. John Devine, Board Treasurer, and Fire Chief Mast were also present for the meeting.

PLEDGE

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

M/S/C (Ratka, Mercurio) approved minutes of the Board's Regular Meeting on November 21, 2019

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

Public present: Lily Brower, Bill Tweksbury, community members, and Gary Webster Fire Fighter/EMT attended the meeting.

Financial

A. Review and Approval of Current Claims for Payment

M/S/C (Ratka, Mercurio)

B. Review and Approval of Treasurers Report

John Devine, Board Treasurer - provided overview of Treasurer's Report - Cash Balance as of 12/19/19 = \$120,331.05 - Capital Improvement balance as of 11/30/19 = \$11,267.76.

M/S/C (Mercurio, Ratka)

Fire Chief's Report: Chief Mast

Total Calls to Date: 183

12 calls down from last year

13 calls since last meeting on November 22, 2019

- 9 Medical- (5 Marion pt transports, 3 pt refusal, 1 DOA)
- 1 Automatic fire alarm
- 1 Gas odor
- 1 Misdispatch
- 1 MVA Non Injury

Personnel:

Nothing to Report

Training:

Dec 3, Fire –Hose Evolutions

Dec 4, EMT class

Dec 5, EMT class

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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.

Dec 8, EMT class
Dec 10, Fire –Interior attack
Dec 11, EMT class
Dec 12, EMT class –Final written exam
Dec 14, EMT class –Practical testing
Dec 17, Fire –In house Christmas
Dec 19, Medical –Cancelled
Dec 24, Off for Christmas Eve
Dec 31, Off for New Year’s Eve

Upcoming wildland classes in January.
Update on EMT and EMR class completions

Equipment Maintenance and Updates:

Water tender 1193- nothing to report
Water tender 1192- nothing to report
Water tender 1191- nothing to report
Engine 1131- nothing to report
Engine 1132- nothing to report
Engine 1133- nothing to report
Engine 1134- KC replaced the rusted air cooler and Les Schwab repaired a rear, inner duty tire
Engine 1181- Les Schwab recommends new tires by the next tire rotation.
Command Rig 1161- nothing to report
Ambulance 1121-Nothing to report
Ambulance 1122- Nothing to report
Ambulance 1123- Nothing to report.

Upcoming Costs:

- Ashley Lake Power Load system
- Pallet of water (Costco, Kirkland brand .18 per bottle \$359.99)
- Lights for McGregor Station (\$360.00)
- Coats for new firefighters – *Chief was able to negotiate a 20% discount*
- Computer (IT) overhaul.
 - Laptop -\$599.99
 - Tower -\$650.00
 - Data Recovery

Community Events:

- Community Holiday dinner report
 - 128 public
 - \$1,625.00 total revenue

Additional Discussion and Updates:

- Drug Policy – *Chief Mast will follow up with counsel – tabled for January 2020 meeting.*

Conclusion of Chief’s Report

Action Items:

A. Pintler/Collection Accounts – no updates/discussion

B. Power Load – The Board again discussed options to replace the unit based on financial information presented by Chief Mast. The Board agreed on the purchase of a refurbished unit from Stryker. Chief Mast will continue with price negotiations and report back to the Board by email and prior to the January meeting. The power load will be delivered on January 15th and the Chief is coordinating the installation.

C. Nomination of Board Trustees – The following Trustees were nominated and approved by the Board: Greg Mercurio, Chair, Dick Ramos, Vice-Chair, Shirley Webster, Secretary, Joyce Ratka will assume the position of Board Treasurer. The Board again thanked John Devine for his service to the department. John will provide guidance as Joyce takes over this position.

D. By-Laws – The Board voted on a revision to **Article IV. Meetings, Section 7. Quorum** as discussed during the November Board Meeting.

M/S/C (Mercurio/Ratka)

E. Emergency Actions – Computer Replacement

Chief Mast reported on the status and cost of drive recovery. The Board agreed to execute action for data recovery. Payment will be mailed accordingly, and recovery is expected to be completed before the January Board meeting.

M/S/C (Mercurio/Ratka)

Discussion Items:

A. Annual Appreciation Dinner – The Board discussed and finalized the vendor choice for this occasion scheduled for January 11, 2020.

New Business:

A. Drug Policy – Chief Mast will follow up with counsel. Further discussion is tabled for the January 2020 Board Meeting.

Announcements:

Next Meeting Date: January 30, 2020 at 5:00PM.

Adjournment: 6:00PM

Minutes recorded by: Shirley Webster, Board Secretary.

Attest: _____
Greg Mercurio, Board Chair Date