

## Marion Fire District

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – January 30, 2019

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on January 30, 2020. Greg Mercurio, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Vargie Williams, Shirley Webster, Dick Ramos, and Joyce Ratka, Board Treasurer. John Devine, Treasurer Advisor and Fire Chief Mast were also present for the meeting.

### PLEDGE

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

M/S/C (Ratka, Ramos) approved minutes of the Board's Regular Meeting on January 30, 2020

### 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, Ramos)

#### B. Review and Approval of Treasurers Report

John Devine, Board Treasurer - provided overview of Treasurer's Report - Cash Balance as of 1/30/20 = \$127,466.19 - Capital Improvement balance as of 12/31/19 = \$11,287.35.

M/S/C (Ratka, Ramos)

### Fire Chief's Report: Chief Mast

#### Total Calls to Date: 20

9 calls up from last year

- 6 BLS Medical Calls- (5 Marion pt transports (2 downgraded from ALS to BLS, 1 pt refusal)
- 2 ALS Medical Calls (All Marion transports)
- 5 Automatic fire/CO alarm
- 2 Animal Rescues
- 1 MVA Non-injury
- 4 Power line emergencies

### Personnel:

Nothing to Report

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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).

**Training:**

Jan 7, Fire Training, Ropes/Knots Review  
Jan 14, Fire Training, Radio Communications  
Jan 16, Medical Training, Environmental Emergencies  
Jan 21, Fire, Business Meeting  
Jan 28, Medical Training, STEMI Review  
Jan 28, Fire Training, Decon Review, SCBA filling

- Basic Wildland FFT Courses with DNRC: Vinnie Rossi
- Advanced Wildland FFT Course with DNRC: Bob Blankenship, Paul Pugh, Marsha Lyles, Matt Sampley, Caroline Pugh, Jeff Doran
- Update on EMR & EMT testing and licenses – all are in various stages of testing; fees discussed
- Firefighter Academy Training – possible joint training starting in March for 9 weeks; fees discussed

**Equipment Maintenance and Updates:**

Water tender 1193- nothing to report  
Water tender 1192- nothing to report  
Water tender 1191- nothing to report  
Engine 1131- KC did the annual service  
Engine 1132- KC did the annual service on 01/23/2020, replaced the air cans that had just started leaking the day before the service was due  
Engine 1133- KC did the annual service on 01/23/2020  
Engine 1134- nothing to report  
Engine 1181- Les Schwab recommends new tires by the next tire rotation. Exhaust system update.  
Command Rig 1161- nothing to report  
Ambulance 1121-Nothing to report  
Ambulance 1122- Nothing to report  
Ambulance 1123- Nothing to report.

**Upcoming Costs:**

- Pallet of water (Costco, Kirkland brand .18 per bottle \$359.99)
- Lights for McGregor Station (\$360.00)
- Hose and Turnout dryers (hose dryer costs \$193.63 in supplies to build it, turnout dryer costs \$652.18 for parts to build it)
- Tablet (\$224.21 initial cost for a Samsung Galaxy 10 with case); \$20 monthly for data plan
- Firefighter curriculum

**Community Events:**

- The next event is the Easter pancake breakfast and egg hunt
- McGregor Lake fishing derby – Chief Mast and volunteers will be on stand by
- Sportsman's Expo

**Additional Discussion and Updates:**

- New computers and data recovery update – all data has been recovered
- Emergency Reporting Update
- Power load system update
- Upcoming Insurance Service Office (I.S.O) rating – March 18, 2020
- Generator/back up power update

**Conclusion of Chief's Report**

**Action Items:**

A. Pintler/Collection Accounts – Chief Mast provided an update on two specific 2019 cases. The Board agreed to write off the balance on one case and the second case will be referred to collections.

B. Emergency Actions – None

**Discussion Items:**

A. Drug Policy – Further discussion tabled for the February 2020 Board Meeting.

**New Business:**

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting Date: February 27, 2020 at 5:00PM.

**Adjournment:** 5:50PM

Minutes recorded by: Shirley Webster, Board Secretary.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Greg Mercurio, Board Chair                      Date