

Marion Fire District

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – September 23, 2020

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on September 23, 2020. Greg Mercurio, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Shirley Webster, Dick Ramos, William Tewksbury and Joyce Ratka. Fire Chief Mast was present for the Department.

PLEDGE

Consent to Agenda

M/S/C (Ratka, Webster)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (August 27, 2020)

M/S/C (Ratka, Tewksbury)

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

Public present: Lily Brower, Community Member.

Financial

A. Review and Approval of Current Claims for Payment

M/S/C (Tewksbury, Ramos)

B. Review and Approval of Treasurers Report

Joyce Ratka, Board Treasurer provided overview of current finances. Cash balance as of 9/23/20 is \$99,531.03. Capital Improvement balance as of 8/31/20 is \$11,387.79.

M/S/C (Tewksbury, Ramos)

Fire Chief's Report & Updates

Total Calls to Date: 204

65 calls up from last year

35 calls since August 27, 2020

8 BLS Medical Calls- (5 Marion pt transports, 3 pt refusals)

5 ALS Medical Calls (3 Marion transports, 1 ALERT pt transports, 1 DOA)

1 Inter-facility transfers

4 Motor Vehicle Non-Injuries

3 Wildland Fires

2 Recreational fires

2 Smoke Investigation –nothing found

1 Auto Fire/CO alarm

3 Powerline Emergency

6 Trees on roads

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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.

Personnel:

Nothing to report

Training:

09/03/2020, Medical –Seizures & Head trauma/Injuries
09/08/2020 –Training cancelled, Valley Creek fire
09/15/2020, Fire –Supply line/hose lays
09/17/2020, Medical – Ambulance operations
09/22/2020, Fire –Ladders (worked on the airstrip tower)

Equipment Maintenance and Updates:

Water tender 1193- nothing to report
Water tender 1192- nothing to report
Water tender 1191-KC is working on a new clutch and bearing
Engine 1131- nothing to report
Engine 1132- nothing to report
Engine 1133- nothing to report
Engine 1134- nothing to report
Engine 1181- is doing great. Rotated tires and full service yesterday after the severity run.
Command Rig 1161- Replaced the alternator
Ambulance 1121-Nothing to report
Ambulance 1122- Bumper update- bumper is complete and waiting for a day that Asst. Chief Jones has time to put it on.
Ambulance 1123- Nothing to report

Upcoming Costs:

Concrete slab for a washing station
Pallet of water from Costco \$389.99
Medic pay, discussion

Community Events:

Fire Prevention with the school on October 22nd , tentatively
Halloween event is cancelled this year due to COVID

Additional Updates and Discussion:

Concrete Slab Wash Station: The excavation is complete and ready for forms and concrete.
Severity Assignment: Completed 49 days/7 weeks of severity work.
Grants: No updates

Conclusion of Chief's Report**Action Items:**

- A. Pintler/Collection Accounts – No update
- B. 1181 Engine Repair – Motion to approve repair per amendment to Minutes of 8/27/20

M/S/C (Tewksbury, Webster)

- C. Severity Bonus – Board discussed and authorized two gift cards for two paid staff members.

M/S/C (Tewksbury, Ramos)

- D. Emergency Actions – None

Discussion Items:

A. Employee Resignation - The vacant position will be open to the public as well as in-house. Webster will observe interviews as schedule allows. The opportunity for an exit interview was discussed and will be offered to the employee who vacated the position. Chairman Mercurio will follow up on finding an appropriate interviewer.

B. Medical Insurance Update – Some discussion on HSAs or traditional coverage. Tabled for October Meeting.

New Business:

A. Cost of Living Increase for Fire Fighters – Chief Mast discussed and reviewed justification for cost of living increases. Board members approved cost of living increase based on information presented.

Announcements:

Next Meeting Date: October 29, 2020 at 5:30PM.

Adjournment: 5:45PM

Minutes recorded by: Shirley Webster, Board Secretary.

Attest: _____
Greg Mercurio, Board Chair Date