

**Marion Fire District**

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES – MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – October 29, 2020**

The Board met for a regular business meeting at its principal office on October 29, 2020. Greg Mercurio, Board Chair, requested Vice-Chair, Dick Ramos, to conduct the meeting in his absence. The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM with a quorum of the following trustees: Shirley Webster, William Tewksbury and Joyce Ratka. Fire Chief Mast was present for the Department.

**PLEDGE**

**Consent to Agenda**

**M/S/C (Ratka, Tewksbury)**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (September 23, 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, Ratka)**

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

Joyce Ratka, Board Treasurer provided overview of current finances. Current Operating Fund balance is \$99,531.03. Capital Improvement balance is \$11,387.79.

**M/S/C (Tewksbury, Ratka)**

**Fire Chief's Report & Updates**

**Total Calls to Date: 232**

77 calls up from last year

28 calls since September 23, 2020

- 13 BLS Medical Calls- (7 Marion pt transports, 6 pt refusals)
- 5 ALS Medical Calls (4 Marion transports, 1 ALERT pt transport)
- 1 Inter-facility transfers
- 2 Misdispatch
- 1 Motor Vehicle Non-Injuries
- 1 Structure fire
- 1 Wildland Fire
- 1 Recreational fire
- 1 Smoke Investigation –nothing found
- 1 Powerline Emergency

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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).

- 1 Tree Down

**Personnel:**

Nothing to report

**Training:**

- 10/06/2020, Fire -Driving
- 10/13/2020 –Business Meeting
- 10/15/2020, Medical -CPR
- 10/20/2020, Fire -Hose Drills
- 10/27/2020, Fire -Interior Attack, hose drills

**Equipment Maintenance and Updates:**

Water tender 1193- Leaking steamer port

Water tender 1192- Needs front tires, new fuel tank, and pump panel has issues

Water tender 1191-KC repaired the clutch and bearing

Engine 1131- nothing to report

Engine 1132- Back from California and in service

Engine 1133- nothing to report

Engine 1134- nothing to report

Engine 1181- nothing to report. Put the snow plow on

Command Rig 1161- Nothing to report

Ambulance 1121-Nothing to report. Had a benign check engine light on

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:**

- Repairs on 1192

**Community Events:**

- Fire Prevention with the school was today at 2 PM, MHP and Sheriff's office attended as well
- We participated in the Halloween trunk or treat at the Marion Trading Company on Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- This coming Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup>, a crew will participate in the First Responders' Trunk or Treat at the Flathead Fairgrounds from 1-4 PM.

**Additional Updates and Discussion:**

- **Concrete Slab Wash Station:** The concrete wash station is done, except for putting sealer on it. On Monday will be 2 weeks and we will be able to start driving on it with the big rigs.
- **Bottled water:** Mike picked up a pallet of water. Instead of \$389.99, it was \$143.52
- **Grants:** No updates.

**Conclusion of Chief's Report**

**Action Items:**

- A. Pintler/Collection Accounts – No update
- B. Letters of Appreciation for Concrete Slab – Fire Chief and Board members discussed the excellent work completed. A \$200 cash gift will accompany the letters of appreciation. Tewksbury will prepare the letters of appreciation on behalf of Board members.
- C. Emergency Actions – Potential purchase of 1996 engine - Chief Mast discussed information regarding the engine, outcome of the test drive, and the purchase price. Board members discussed making an offer of 18K. Further discussion and action tabled for November.

**Discussion Items:**

- A. Financial Spreadsheet – Chief Mast presented Board members with a breakdown of DNRC fire suppression to date. Information was broken down as follows: apparatus used, hourly rates, hours worked (730), fuel reimbursement (\$2,020.24), gross amount (55,558.00) and operators.
- B. Paramedic Pay – Moved to action item for November meeting.
- C. Medical Insurance Update – Further discussion delayed until new hire process is completed.
- D. Evaluation Format Review – Board agreed to accept the current evaluation form for the Chief.

**M/S/C (Ratka, Tewksbury)**

**New Business:** None

**Announcements:**

Next Meeting Date: November 19, 2020 at 5:30PM.

**Adjournment:** 5:45PM

Minutes recorded by: Shirley Webster, Board Secretary.

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