

SMITH VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH 13, 2017 4:00 pm

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLAIMS

7208 - Moved by _____ to pay bills of _____ 2nd _____ Yes _____ No _____

7257 – Moved by _____ to pay bills of _____ 2nd _____ Yes _____ No _____

TRUSTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS /COMMUNICATIONS

CHIEF’S REPORT: CHIEF BEICK

AMBULANCE REPORT: CHIEF BEICK

OLD BUSINESS:

AMBULANCE FUNDING (GILLMAN)

REPAIRS TO ENGINE 933 (GILLMAN)

NEW BUSINESS:

FOY’S THANK YOU (GILLMAN)

ADJORNMENT:

SMITH VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH 13, 2017 4:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: At 4:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Participated

ROLL CALL: Chair Gillman, Sec. Berg, Trustees Roberts, Rupp. Absent Block

PUBLIC COMMENT : None

CLAIMS

7208 - Moved by Roberts to pay bills of 17,375.89 2nd Rupp Passed 4 to 0

Note: 6,365.15 was covered by Insurance from the Foy's fire.

7257 – Moved by Roberts to pay bills of 8,770.40 2nd Rupp Passed 4 to 0

TRUSTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS /COMMUNICATIONS:

Trustee Berg offered to pay 1.00 / foot for 150' hose from the Foys' Fire. Inquired as to the status of the surveillance systems at the two stations. Trustee Roberts congratulated Chief Beick on the job she was doing. Chair Gillman reported on a letter we received from Glatfelter Claims Management, stating they have stopped trying to recover the deductible of 500.00 from the responsible party or parties responsible for the fire. And the District is therefore responsible for the deductible figure.

CHIEF'S REPORT: CHIEF BEICK

See Attached

AMBULANCE REPORT: CHIEF BEICK

See Attached

OLD BUSINESS:

AMBULANCE FUNDING Item removed from the Agenda

REPAIRS TO ENGINE 933 It was discussed that the idea of replacing the engine and pump as proposed is not mechanically feasible. And the refurbishing of the current engine and pump can be accomplished. However after discussion on the type of pressure regulating device at motion was made.

Berg moved that the current throttle pressure regulator be retained if it can be made to work. 2nd by Rupp. Passed 4 to 0

NEW BUSINESS:

FOY'S THANK YOU: Roberts moved to run an Add in the Daily-Interlake twice to express the District appreciation to the community and neighboring Districts for their generous support. To assist us in

recovering from the Foys' fire. 2nd by Berg. Passed 4 to 0. The size of the Add will be left to the person placing the add, based on cost.

Moved to Executive Session at 5:45 to discuss personnel issues.

Returned to open meeting at 6:16

ADJORNMENT: At 6:17.

Chiefs Report: February 2017 Summary

Submitted: March 13, 2017 at 4:00 pm

Calls for February 2017:

NIFRS Incident Type Comparison Report:

- 5 Medical ALS
- 5 MVA BLS Red
- 3 MVA Non-Injury
- 5 Traffic Control
- 1 Structure Fire (mutual aid)
- 1 Automatic Fire Alarm
- 1 Dispatch Error

21 total 25 calls in February 2016

Narrative/Discussion:

1. Repeater status: Still in the process of the license and ordering the bracket for the repeater.
2. Personal Vehicle damage: The personal vehicle damage has been repaired to James Brower truck.
3. It is time again for the annual Flathead County Fire Academy and we are one of the departments that are hosting some of the classroom and hands on portions. We have 2 of our members in the academy this year, Sarah Gilbert and Michele

Richards. We also have 3 out of the 4 out of area firefighters bunking here Friday nights. Rod attended part of the hands on portion to help with photography.

Foy's Station:

Working with Leslie on the security system for both 91 and 92. She is pursuing another avenue for the security system because of the internet issue at station 92. I have emailed her again 3.12.17 for an update.

Station 91:

The emergency exit signs were tested and batteries were replaced. All of the batteries needed to be replaced.

American Electric will be here this week to repair a bad breaker with a higher amp one as well as a higher amp wire for the cascade system. We have been having issues with the machine throwing the breaker. The manufacturer recommends a 40 amp breaker and we have a 30 amp. We are also performing some maintenance on the machine, like fluids and filters that are due.

The beds on the north side of the building have been enclosed to provide more privacy for the on duty crews.

Apparatus and equipment needs:

952:

Went into service 3.7.17. There are a few small items left to finish, like the low angle equipment but nothing major.

I am going to keep the ram from the old set of extrication equipment that went through the fire and place it on 952.

981:

With 952 in service, I am pulling 981 out of service for some much needed renovations. All of the boxes on the truck leak, those will be welded, wire brushed, and repainted. The plumbing on truck will be reworked to make it more efficient. The electrical will be reworked as well to find the short in the siren and the light bar.

931:

The Kussmaul trickle charger has been replaced as well as 2 new batteries installed. It is back in service and will return to station 92 tomorrow night after training.

951:

The check engine light (glow plug), idle arm, and pitman arm were repaired, serpentine belt replaced, fuel filter and oil change. A general maintenance inspection was done by the mechanic with some recommendations on things that need to be done: rear brakes in the next few months, transfer case fluid change (looks like it has never been changed), rear and front differential change. These fluid changes are items we can do in house.

933:

New tires have been purchase. All of the aluminum is now off of the truck and has been sent to Spokane to be used as templates to be made with new diamond plate. Instead of putting the diamond plate back on the rear of the engine we will be putting smooth aluminum and the chevron decals to make it more visible from the rear.

Staffing and Recruitment:

Jeff Cormier has been removed from our active roster.

We have been actively involved in the news, both TV and paper, discussing a nationwide shortage of volunteers.

Our website has been updated to reflect that we are always looking for volunteers.

I would like to ask for an executive session to discuss personal issues.

Training Summary for February 2017:

2.7.2017	Run Card review/Operations and Tactics
2.14.2017	No Training
2.21.2017	Ice Rescue-Part 1 Class room
2.28.2017	Ice Rescue-Part 2 Hands On-Foys Lake

Training Requests:

None at this time for fire but there is for EMS.

Submitted: Amy Beick

Ambulance Report: February 2017 Summary

Submitted: March 13, 2017 at 4:00 pm

Calls for February 2017:

NIFRS Incident Type Comparison Report:

- 14 Medical ALS
- 18 Medical BLS Red
- 4 Medical BLS Yellow
- 4 MVA BLS Red
- 2 Intercepts

42 total Calls 18 Transports for the month

Narrative/Discussion:

1. We have received a total of \$7,022.18 from payments through Pintler Billing during February. This total includes insurance, Medicare, and patient payments. Patient adjustments were \$16,704.29 for February. The adjustments are mainly for Medicare. We have \$41,941.84 in A/R. This includes insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and patient responsibilities. This amount does not include our patient accounts that have been sent to collections.
2. The credit card system has been set up through Payline. We are waiting for the equipment to arrive in Pintler's office. They have an \$800.00 invoice waiting to be paid with a credit card as soon as they have the equipment set up.
3. Still working with Centron Collections on setting up our account for collections.

4. I had a meeting with Leslie from Pintler to discuss their new software system and review how the billing process works on their end. She wanted to let us know that they are very impressed with how professional our department is from a paperwork standby. We have not had any Medicare or Medicaid payments refused due to improper paperwork. She would like us to continue to doing what we are doing.
5. We had our first Intercept with Fisher River in February. I have sent a copy of our Intercept agreement to their Chief who will present it to the board for approval.
6. EMS Levy: Nothing new to report. Chief Williams from Evergreen is still complying a spreadsheet for FF/Paramedic and FF/EMT wages/benefits statewide. Ran into a road block with the benefits. The county no longer allows fire departments to piggy back onto their benefits. I am reaching out to Bigfork to see who they use for their employees.

Staffing and Recruitment:

We have a new FF/Paramedic from Polson starting 3.14.17. He will be on orientation this month and possibly next month depending on call volume. He will be working what we call a reverse 48 hour shift.

Still working on more on call Paramedics and EMTs.

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Apparatus and equipment needs:

921:

The starter and the starter solenoid failed on the bus while it was on a call. The next available ambulance was dispatched to take of the patient. Marion Fire was very generous and let us borrow an ambulance for a couple of days so we did not have to be out of service while we repaired 921.

Training Summary for February 2017:

2.16.2017 High Performance CPR-canceled due to a conflict with the instructor's schedule.
It will be reschedule for April.

Training Requests:

I will be attending the EMS Summit conference in CDA the end of April. This is a 3 day conference that covers current EMS issues and new products. I have been awarded a scholarship to cover the registration of the conference. I will only need to be reimbursed for meals.

Submitted: Amy Beick