

SMITH VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 8, 2017 4:00 pm

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES/CORRECTIONS:

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:

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP BILLING PROCEEDURE (CHIEF BEICK)

BOARD POLICY 005 (GILLMAN)

ALARM/CAMERA SYSTEM (GILLMAN)

TRAINING REQUESTS:

ADJORNMENT:

SMITH VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 8, 2017 4:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER At 4:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Participated

ROLL CALL: Chairperson Gillman, Sec. Berg, Trustees Roberts, Block. Rupp absent working.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES/CORRECTIONS:

Moved by Roberts 2nd by Berg to Accept the minutes of the April 4 Special Meeting as Posted. Passed 4 to 0.

Moved by Berg to Accept the minutes of the April 10 meeting as corrected. Passed 3 to 1. Block voting no.

PUBLIC COMMENT: KC Cox from RES gave a update on the rebuilding of 933 and hopefully by the mid part of June, it will be completed.

The pump rebuild as dropped in favor of replacing the whole pump as that was cheaper then rebuilding the old one.

Pump panel parts were sent back East to be tumble polished. The emergency lights are here and will be installed soon.

CLAIMS:

Fund 7208: Moved by Berg to pay bills of 16,689.35, 2nd by Roberts. Passed 4 to 0. 6,381,40 covered by the Foys Fire fund.

Fund 7257: Moved by Roberts to pay bills of 9,600.81, 2nd by Berg. Passed 4 to 0.

TRUSTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS /COMMUNICATIONS: Chair Gillman Congratulated Dave Roberts and Alex Saylor on their being elected to the Board. The district received two thank you letters from Citizens. One for a Medical Response and the other thanking FF Flickinger for his assist to a homeowner during a controlled burn. Gillman further reported that the District was going to take part in the Kid's Safety Day at the Summit on the 20th.

The SVFD Auxiliary plans on hosting a Open House at the Foys Station with a BBQ on the 24th of June. In addition they plan on a "Summer Fling" in August at the Eagles at 25.00 per couple. A open house in October , date to be determined. They are also providing a laptop computer for the Fire Chief and finally replanting the trees in front the main station that have died.

CHIEF'S REPORT: See Attached

AMBULANCE REPORT: See Attached

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP BILLING PROCEEDURE: A policy was presented that outlined a set of procedures that would be followed if a party was unable to pay their Ambulance Bill. The procedure followed Federal guidelines for determining a poverty level based on income and the number of people in the house hold. The Financial Hardship Application must be submitted the Board of Trustees for the final determination.

Roberts moved to enact SVFD Policy 001, effective May 8th. 2nd by Block. Passed 4 to 0

BOARD POLICY 005: Board Policy 005 was modified to reflect the true cost of in depth records check.

Moved by Moved by Berg 2nd by Roberts to accept the changes to Policy 005. Passed 4 to 0.

ALARM/CAMERA SYSTEM: Various scenarios were discussed covering the alarming and surveillance of the two fire stations. Costs for the various systems were compared. It was determined that more information was need before a decision be made. As soon as additional cost analysis and equipment capabilities are determined the item will be placed back on the Agenda.

TRAINING REQUESTS: None

ADJORNMENT: At 5:40 PM

Chiefs Report: April 2017 Summary

Submitted: May 8, 2017 at 4:00 pm

Calls for April 2017:

NIFRS Incident Type Comparison Report:

- 3 Medical ALS
- 1 MVA ALS
- 4 MVA BLS Red
- 1 Traffic Control
- 1 Vehicle Fire
- 3 Structure Fires (1 Mutual aid)
- 1 Grass/Brush Fire
- 1 Smoke Investigation
- 4 Automatic Fire Alarm
- 1 Powerline Emergency

- 1 Gas Odor

21 total 21 calls in April 2016

Narrative/Discussion:

1. Repeater status: The bracket has arrived and will be installed this week. The license has been paid for. We will be reprogramming the radios in the next couple of weeks.
2. The Flathead County Fire Academy had the final testing this last weekend. Our 2 members in the academy this year, Sarah Gilbert and Michele Richards have both past.
3. Rod delivered the extrication equipment to Walter at Del Bonita Fire in Cutbank.
4. Our apparatuses and personnel have been signed up with DNRC for 2017 wildland season.

Station 91:

Mike from General Fire looked at our cascade system and is going to contact American Airworks to obtain permission to work on the system. If not we will have to ship the compressor back east. Cost for shipping is \$200.00 each way and then whatever the repairs will be.

Station 92:

Nothing new to report. Working with Rod on the security system for both 91 and 92. Meet with Bill from Mission Mountain Security on 4.19.17 for a walk through for both station 91 and 92.

Apparatus and equipment needs:

981:

Is still out of service for some much needed renovations. The boxes on the truck have been repaired and are being restocked. The plumbing on truck has been reworked and is complete. The electrical is also finished. We are hoping to have it back in service this week.

933:

RES is here for an update.

Staffing and Recruitment:

Former member DC Haas has rejoined the department as a firefighter.

We are updating our banner.

Our website and face book page are continuously updated to reflect that we are always looking for volunteers.

Would like ask for an executive session for personal matters.

Training Summary for April 2017:

- 4.4.2017 Structure Fire Apparatus Readiness/Chainsaw Review/Taskbooks
- 4.11.2017 Forcible Entry at KFD Station 62, Chief Campbell
- 4.18.2017 ALERT originally scheduled but was canceled due to a call-Structure Fire Equipment Readiness
- 4.25.2017 Wildland Progressive Hose Lay

Training Requests:

None at this time.

Submitted: Amy Beick

Calls for April 2017:

NIFRS Incident Type Comparison Report:

- 7 Medical ALS
- 3 Medical BLS Red
- 3 Medical BLS Yellow
- 1 MVA ALS
- 5 MVA BLS RED (1 mutual aid)
- 2 Structure Fire
- 1 Dispatch/Exercise Training-mutual aid

22 total Calls 3 Transports and 3 Intercepts for the month

Narrative/Discussion:

1. We have received a total of \$7,686.76 from payments through Pintler Billing during April. This total includes insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and patient payments. Patient adjustments were \$3,984.77 for April. We have \$27,373.65 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. I have not received the monthly statement showing what we have in collections for April.
3. Financial Hardship Policy-We have had our first patient claiming financial hardship. I emailed out a rough draft of the policy. I have made the changes that were sent in by Marv.
4. We are now set up with NxGen/Converge for credit card payments. We are setup with the same fees that the county receives. There is a \$23.99 monthly fee, \$0.20 transaction fee plus the interchange fee for that credit card
5. We should be receiving \$10,716.00 from the county EMS distribution in June/July.
6. I am still waiting for a response from Chief Kraft in Fisher River for an update on the Intercept Agreement.

7. Staffing Levy: Chief Williams from Evergreen is still complying a spreadsheet for FF/Paramedic and FF/EMT wages/benefits statewide. Have spoken with Leslie about the Auxiliary helping with open houses and mail out/brochures with information about the staffing levy. I would like to request that we have a committee of 1 or 2 board members, James, Leslie, and myself to work on the levy information.

Staffing and Recruitment:

Still working on more on call Paramedics and EMTs.

Our website and face book page are continuously updated to reflect that we are always looking for volunteers.

Apparatus and equipment needs:

The new bus has had the new lettering done and supplies are being ordered. We are currently doing a deep clean on it in preparation of supplies and equipment arriving.

Training Summary for April 2017:

4.13.2017 EMS Run Reviews with Dr. Briles

Training Requests:

None at this time

Submitted: Amy Beick