

# SMITH VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OCTOBER 12, 2020 4:00 pm

## AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES/CORRECTIONS:

PUBLIC COMMENT: (PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO 3 MINUTES AND STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS).

CLAIMS:

7208 - Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ to pay bills of \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

TRUSTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS /COMMUNICATIONS:

CHIEF'S REPORT: CHIEF BEICK

E.M.S. REPORT: CHIEF BEICK

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

TRAINING REQUESTS:

ADJORNMENT:

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## BOARD MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: At 4:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All Present Participated

ROLL CALL: Chairman Gillman, Sec. Berg, Trustees Sollars, Roberts. Ross Absent.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES/CORRECTIONS: Moved by Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sollars to approve the minutes of 9/14/2020 as posted. Passed 4 to 0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Trustee Ross arrived at 4:04

CLAIMS: Fund 7208 – Moved by Roberts to pay bills in the amount of 23,114.07, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ross. Passed 5 to 0

TRUSTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS /COMMUNICATIONS: Chair Gillman reported that the District received to checks from citizens one for 2,500.00 and one for 100.00. Both were deposited in District funds with County

CHIEF’S REPORT: See Attached

E.M.S. REPORT: See Attached

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Request from Pheasant Ridge Estates to own and operate the fire suppression system required by the County.

After discussing the proposal, the following objections were raised by Board Members:

The District did not want to be responsible for the underground tank, pump and the land that well was on. These items could be financial burdens in the future.

The upkeep of the grounds would fall to the District.

Potential liabilities were a concern as well.

As the District as never accepted such a proposal before the Board felt we would be setting a president.

It was moved by Roberts and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Berg that the District would not enter into the proposal based on the above reasons. And directed the Chairman to so inform the Developer of our decision. Passed 5 to 0

TRAINING REQUESTS: None

ADJORNMENT: 5:00 PM

October 13, 2020

Mr. Michael W. Fraser  
690 N. Meridian Str. 103  
Kalispell, MT 59901

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### **Chiefs Report: September 2020 Summary**

**Submitted: October 11, 2020 at 4:00 pm**

#### **Calls for September 2020:**

NIFRS Incident Type Comparison Report:

- 3 MVA BLS Red
- 1 MVA BLS Yellow
- 1 Medical BLS Yellow – Lift assist
- 4 Structure Fires (3 Mutual aid)
- 2 Grass/Wildland Fire
- 1 Explosion
- 1 Burn Pile/Recreational Fires
- 2 Gas Odor
- 4 Smoke Investigations – Outside
- 6 Automatic Fire Alarm

**Narrative/Discussion:**

1. Pheasant Ridge Estates Subdivision: Met with the Developer to discuss details of the water system development. Waiting for a schematic of the proposed water system. The Developer is willing to install the system but would prefer the Fire District to own the water system.
2. We are participating in a FEMA AFG Regional Communications Grant for new radios.
3. FF Metcalfe, FF Hampton, Capt. Brower, and I participated in a promotional video for Braveheart Ministries.
4. Valley Creek Fire, September 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Tender 993 was on assignment.
5. Annual hose testing was performed on September 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 1.75" X 50' Failed due to water leaking past the tail gasket (F) (23-year-old)

**Station 91:**

1. An insurance claim has been submitted for the roof damage caused in the windstorm on 5.31.20. We have received the money for damage.
  - a. KR2 Carpentry has come out and assessed the damage via drone. Cost: \$157.50, plus materials. The rent for the man lift was donated.
  - b. Waiting for KR2 Carpentry to finish repairing the drywall in the bays.
2. Minor flood in the EMS Supply/Laundry Room. A fitting behind the washer broke and caused flooding. The room is currently being repaired. Labored being done in house.
3. Western States performed annual Load Bank testing as well as an oil change. Cost: \$1,134.57

**Station 92:**

Nothing new to report.

### **Apparatus and equipment needs:**

- Will need to purchase additional PPE for new members.

934:

- Need to have the tank to pump/tank fill valves evaluated for leaking.
- The lower preconnect drain valve and the direct fill valve were replaced due to leaking.

933:

- Needs to have the tank to pump/tank fill valve rechecked, #1 discharge valve is leaking, and a leak behind the master steamer cover needs to be evaluated.

931:

- Pump engine exceeded acceptable temperature during pump testing. Possible cultch fan needs to be replaced. Will remain in service until repairs are completed.

Appliances:

- Researching cost for 1.75" X 50 hose replacement.

### **Staffing and Recruitment:**

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

### **Training Summary for September 2020:**

9.1.2020 Walk through/pre-plan of Kila School, Principle English

9.8.2020 No Training

9.15.2020 60 Second Drills, Initial Attack, Structure Hose Deployment, Ventilation, Capt. Brower, FF Flickinger, Chief Beick

9.29.2020 Driver/Operator Taskbook night, Cadre

### **Training Requests:**

None at this time

Submitted: Amy Beick, Fire Chief

## **EMS Report: September 2020 Summary**

**Submitted: October 11, 2020 at 4:00 pm**

### **Calls for September 2020:**

NIFRS Incident Type Comparison Report:

- 6 Medical ALS
- 5 Medical Special ALS
- 14 Medical BLS Red
- 4 Medical BLS Yellow
- 1 MVA ALS (1 Mutual aid)
- 4 MVA BLS Red (1 Mutual aid)
- 1 MVA BLS Yellow
- 1 Structure Fire (1 Mutual aid)
- 1 EMS Standby

**37 Total September 2020**

49 calls September 2019

10 Transports, 0 Interfacilities, 0 Intercepts

18 Transports, 0 Interfacility, 0 Intercepts

### **Narrative/Discussion:**

1. We received a total of \$9,113.04 from payments through Pintler Billing during September. This total includes insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and patient payments. Patient adjustments were \$12,981.52 for September. We billed \$27,775.40 during the month of September. We currently have \$44,853.95 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. We have \$39,794.94 currently active in collections. Received a total of \$2,267.47 in 2020.

3. We have 4 past due patient account from Pintler asking if we want to pursue with collections or write off.
4. Our in house EMT course started the first week of October. We have 3 members that will be participating: Rob Hampton, Kristy Metcalfe, and Tiffany Riley. Bob Paulsen is a licensed EMR that is auditing the class as well.
5. September 5<sup>th</sup>, Monster Truck EMS Standby. EMT Gilbert, EMT Hull, Paramedic Warren participated. This was a paid event.

**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 volunteer

**Apparatus and equipment needs:**

922

- The rear brakes including calipers and rotors need replaced. Quote: \$731.97
- Some of the new medical equipment and medications to be current with the updated Flathead County Protocols have been purchased. Will continue to purchase the needed equipment.

**Training Summary for September 2020:**

- 9.10.20 Virtual Rocky Mountain Trauma Symposium.
- 9.22.20 Patient assessment and spinal stabilization, Capt. Brower and Chief Beick

**Training Requests:**

None at this time.

Submitted: Amy Beick, Fire Chief