

SMITH VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 9, 2022 4:00 pm

DRAFT 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 _____ 2nd _____ Yes _____ No _____

TRUSTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS /COMMUNICATIONS:

CHIEF'S REPORT: CHIEF BEICK

E.M.S. REPORT: CHIEF BEICK

OLD BUSINESS:

EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASES (GILLMAN)

NEW BUSINESS:

TRAINING REQUESTS:

ADJORNMENT:

SMITH VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY 9, 2022 4:00 pm

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: At 4:00PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present participated

ROLL CALL: Chair Gillman, Sec. Berg, Trustees Roberts, Sollars. Ross absent, excused.

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES/CORRECTIONS: Sollars moved to accept the minutes as posted, 2nd by Roberts. Passed 4 to 0

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public in attendance.

CLAIMS:

Fund 7208 - Moved by Roberts to pay bills of 40,613.73, Seconded by Berg. Passed 4 to 0

TRUSTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS /COMMUNICATIONS: Sollars reported, that he had been appointed to a full 3-year term by the County Commissioners. Gillman reported we received 2 checks and a letter of thanks from people we had helped.

CHIEF'S REPORT: See Attached

E.M.S. REPORT: See Attached

OLD BUSINESS:

EMPLOYEE PAY INCREASES:

Chair Gillman reported on his conversation with Deputy County Attorney David W. Randall regarding the Open Meeting laws and closed "Executive Session" for pay increases. We were advised that any salary increases were to be discussed in an open meeting and so reported in the minutes.

After much discussion the following items were covered:

Both paid employees expressed the need to maintain a viable District Budget in relation to pay increases.

Both positions are below comparable compensation rates for Departments/Districts in Montana. In fact, several entry level occupations received higher salaries.

It was moved by Berg, Seconded by Sollars: To increase the salary of Capt. Brower by 1.25 per hour. Increase the salary of Chief Beick by 1.80 per hour. Both to be effective on July 1, 2022. With a review at the December Board Meeting to consider Revenues in relation to possible further salary increases.

Passed 3 to 1, Roberts abstaining

NEW BUSINESS: None

TRAINING REQUESTS: None currently

ADJORNMENT: 5:56 PM

Chiefs Report: April 2022 Summary

Submitted: May 9, 2022, at 4:00 pm

Calls for April 2022:

NIFRS Incident Type Comparison Report:

- 3 MVA BLS Red
- 4 Structure Fires (mutual aid:2)
- 1 Chimney Fire (mutual aid:1)
- 1 Grass/Wildfire
- 2 Burn Piles/Rec Fires
- 2 Smoke Investigation – Outside
- 3 Gas Odor
- 3 Automatic Fire/CO Alarms
- 15 Public Services (AC:15)
- 1 Assist Citizen (Training Burn)

35 calls April 2022

34 calls in April 2021

Narrative/Discussion:

1. Annual Firefighter Academy is complete. Last weekend was April 30th. We had three members graduate this year. FF Rob Hampton, Avvy Smithe, and Jessica Barrett.
2. Annual Insurance Renewal Questionnaire is due by May 17, 2022.
3. Grants:
 - a. VFA Grant
 - Currently working on items for the grant. Grant closes May 16th.
4. Friends of Smith Valley Fire District:
 - Mandy Hampton, FF Rob Hampton, and I meet on 5.6.22
 - Current projects being worked on:
 - Logo Design
 - Social Media platform

- Mission statement
- Fundraising ideas/goals/schedule
- Recruitment
- Next scheduled meeting is June 6th

Station 91:

1. HVAC Repair/Replace Update: **Waiting on a quote for Comfort Systems:**

May 17th

- A. Downstairs furnace the heat exchanger is cracked and needs to be replaced.
 - I. Central Heating suggests replacing the entire unit due to age of the furnace. Cost: \$5,129.00 - \$7,730.00
 - II. Comfort Systems (7.14.21) and Ogle Heating (8.3.21) are scheduled for second opinion and estimates.
- B. Upstairs refrigeration coil is leaking water into the duct work and leaking into the radio room and training room.
 - I. Central Heating provided 3 options:
 - a. Replace the refrigeration coil. Coil in on back order with no eta. Cost: \$3,400.00-\$4,000.00.
 - b. Replace the refrigeration coil and AC with a Lennox coil and AC. Cost: \$7,000.00 - \$9,000.00.
 - c. Replace the refrigeration coil, AC, and furnace. Cost: \$12,000 - \$24,000.
 - III. Comfort Systems replaced the thermostat with a remote sensor thermostat. Cost: \$419.00
 - a. Worked for several weeks but started to leak again last week. Comfort Systems are scheduled for the 22nd to come back out.

Station 92:

Nothing new to report.

Apparatus and equipment needs:

933:

- DOT Inspection: Exhaust leak under the cab, clunking in steering (slip joint below the steering wheel).

931:

- The mechanical seal has a slight leak.

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 April 2022:

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| 4.1.2022 | FF I Academy: Hose Operations, Hose streams, Capt. Brower |
| 4.2.2022 | FF I Academy: Ground Ladders, Tactical Vent, Hands on Skills, Capt. Brower, EVFD |
| 4.8.2022 | Live Fire Training (Wildland): Smith Lake Rd and Cobbler Way, LT Hull, Capt. Brower, and Chief Beick |
| 4.8.2022 | FF I Academy: Incident Scene Operations, NIMS, Capt. Brower |
| 4.9.2022 | FF I Academy: Ropes and Knots, Hands on Skills, Capt. Brower, EVFD, Bigfork Fire |
| 4.12.2022 | Annual Hazmat Awareness, Capt. Brower |
| 4.15.2022 | FF I Academy: Overhaul, Property Conversation, and Scene Preservation, Capt. Brower |
| 4.16.2022 | FF I Academy: Fire Origin & Cause Determination, Hands on Skills, Capt. Brower, EVFD, Bigfork Fire |
| 4.19.2022 | Driver Training, Task books, Cadre |
| 4.22.2022 | FF I Academy: Foam, Liquid Fires, and Gas Fires, Capt. Brower |

- 4.23.2022 FF I Academy: Technical Rescue Support, Vehicle Extrication, Hands on Skills, Capt. Brower, Chief Beick
- 4.26.2022 RT-130, Annual Wildland Refresher, Capt. Brower
- 4.29.2022 FF I Academy: Review and Final Exam, Capt. Brower
- 4.30.2022 FF I Academy: Live Fire, Burn Container in Marion, Capt. Brower, Chief Beick

Training Requests:

- None at this time.

Submitted: Amy Beick, Fire Chief

EMS Report: April 2022 Summary

Submitted: May 9, 2022, at 4:00 pm

Calls for April 2022:

NIFRS Incident Type Comparison Report:

- 6 Medical ALS
- 20 Medical BLS Red
- 4 Medical BLS Yellow
- 3 MVA BLS Red
- 4 Structure Fires (Mutual aid: 2)

37 calls April 2022

24 calls April 2021

17 Transports, 0 Interfacilities, 0 Intercepts

5 Transports, 0 Interfacilities, 0 Intercepts

Narrative/Discussion:

1. We received a total of \$20,193.48 from payments through Pintler Billing during April. This total includes insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and patient payments. Patient adjustments/bad debt were \$21,470.50 for April. We billed \$31,548.60 during the month of April. We currently have \$45,763.83 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 \$56,380.95 currently active in collections. Received a total of \$180.00 in 2022.
3. We have 4 new past due patient accounts and 0 FAF requesting approval from Pintler asking if we want to pursue with collections or write off.
4. New ambulance fund balance: \$33,610.25.
5. Working with Ryan Pitts with Logan Health to develop an IFT contract and establish a call hierarchy for IFTs.
6. Met with Chief Bohannon from WVFD to discuss potentially provide EMS transports for part of their Fire District.
7. Grants:
 - a. DPHHS Montana EMS Grant (iPads)
 - iPads have been received. Invoice and proof of payment will be submitted for the iPads.
 - Reimbursement for monthly cellular data will be submitted monthly. Monthly charge per iPad is \$40.00 with no contract and unlimited data.
 - b. MDT Grant opened May 1st and closes June 30th. Will be applying for a new ambulance to replace Medic 922 (red bus). There is a 10% match for this grant. Currently working on grant support letters and updated our narratives for the grant.

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:

922 – Out of Service

- Having mechanical power issues. The engine has stalled twice. Once while transporting a patient to the ER and the second time was while running code to a CPR in progress call.
- Electrical charging system does not produce enough charge to keep the power load stretcher system charged while plugged into the shoreline. Had a technician from Stryker look the system over and found no defect with the power load system.

921

- Front and rear brakes have been replaced, emergency brake pads replaced, oil leak repair completed (intake boots replaced), glow plug relay and solenoid replaced. Glacier West Repair. Cost: \$3,391.76
- 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 April 2022:

4.4.2022 Logan Health Run Reviews, Logan Health

Training Requests:

- None at this time.

Submitted: Amy Beick, Fire Chief