

# SMITH VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OCTOBER 10, 2022 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:

MDOT GRANT (CHIEF)

TRAINING REQUESTS:

ADJORNMENT:

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## Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: At 4:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present participated

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

READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES/CORRECTIONS: Roberts moved to accept the minutes as corrected. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ross. Passed 4 to 0

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CLAIMS Fund 7208:

Moved by Berg to pay bills in the amount of 32,210.23. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ross. Passed 4 to 0

TRUSTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS /COMMUNICATIONS: 3 checks have been received and deposited with the County.

CHIEF'S REPORT: See attached

E.M.S. REPORT: See attached

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

MDOT GRANT: Chief Bieck reported the District was awarded a Grant from The Montana Department of Transportation for a new Ambulance. The new vehicle will not arrive for one and a half to two years. The District must pay 10% of the price which will amount to 22,000 matching fee.

With the rising fuel costs the WIX fuel credit card limit needs to be raised to provide fuel when operating at Incidents as well when on a Wildland Assignment with the DNRC.

Moved by Roberts to increase the limit on the fuel card to 5,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ross. Passed 4 to 0

TRAINING REQUESTS: None

ADJORNMENT: 4:57 PM.

## **Chiefs Report: September 2022 Summary**

**Submitted: October 10, 2022, at 4:00 pm**

### **Calls for September 2022:**

NIFRS Incident Type Comparison Report:

- 9 MVA BLS Red
- 1 MVA BLS Yellow
- 1 MVA Extrication
- 2 Structure Fires (Mutual aid:1)
- 2 Grass/Wildfire (Tender assignment:1)
- 2 Smoke Investigations – Outside

- 7 Burn Pile/Rec Fires
- 2 Public Service

**26 calls September 2022**

**21 calls in September 2021**

**Narrative/Discussion:**

- 1. 2022 Wildland Assignments:**
  - I. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Tender 993 provided water for the Valley Fire.  
\$5,292.00
  - II. Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Tender 993 provided water for the Lemonade Fire.  
\$18,157.50
  - III. Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Tender 993 provided water for a FS prescribed fire at the Ashley Lake Repeater.
- 2.** Sept. 26th: Annual Pump Testing was performed. All three engines passed.
- 3.** We are hosting a Halloween Haunted House Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1600-1900, costume contest, baked goods silent auction 1700-1800, and food trucks.

**Station 91:**

1. Repairs to the radio room ceiling continue as time allows.

**Station 92:**

1. None to report.

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

931:

- Passed pump testing. The mechanical seal has a slight leak. Pump transmission seal is leaking. Failed to achieve 20-inch vacuum. The tank to pump, tank refill, deck gun, #1 discharge, spray bars leaking. Air dryer is constantly cycling.

933:

- Passed pump testing. Failed to achieve 20-inch vacuum. The steamer valve actuator needs to be replaced. Pump engine reached max rpms to achieve testing requirements which indicates the pump is worn out.

934:

- Passed pump testing. Failed to achieve 20-inch vacuum. Upper preconnect valve is leaking.

993:

- Retrofitted plumbing to allow for watering roads for wildland assignments.

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 2022:**

9.13.2022 Driver/Operator Training/Task Books, FF Flickinger, Capt. Brower, Chief Beick

9.20.2022 ISO Water Supply Drills, Capt. Brower, Chief Beick

### **Training Requests:**

- None at this time.

Submitted: Amy Beick, Fire Chief

**EMS Report: September 2022 Summary**

**Submitted: October 10, 2022, at 4:00 pm**

### **Calls for September 2022:**

NIFRS Incident Type Comparison Report:

- 5 Medical ALS
- 18 Medical BLS Red
- 7 Medical BLS Yellow
- 10 MVA BLS Red
- 2 MVA Yellow – Mutual aid:1
- 4 Structure Fires – Mutual aid:3
- 1 Special Event
- 1 IFT

**48 calls September 2022**

**50 calls September 2021**

20 Transports, 1 Interfacilities, 0 Intercepts

20 Transports, 7 Interfacilities, 0 Intercepts

**Narrative/Discussion:**

1. We received a total of \$13,310.40 from payments through Pintler Billing during September. This total includes insurance, Medicare, Medicaid, and patient payments. Patient adjustments/bad debt were \$23,945.97 for September. We billed \$38,632.00 during the month of September. We currently have \$56,468.05 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 \$58,840.44 currently active in collections. Received a total of \$1,264.15 in 2022.
3. We have 0 new past due patient accounts and 0 FAF requesting approval from Pintler asking if we want to pursue with collections or write off.

4. Still working with Ryan Pitts with Logan Health to develop an IFT contract and establish a call hierarchy for IFTs.
5. New ambulance fund: \$36,615.45. (Will move to 7245 once taxes come in)
6. Grants:
  - MDOT Grant: We were awarded \$220,000.00 for a new ambulance. There is a 10% match for the grant, \$22,000.00. Depending on the availability of a chassis we are approximately 1.5-2 years out.

#### **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:**

921 (2015):

- Scheduled to go to Glacier West Repair for preventive mechanical maintenance the end of Oct.
- Working with St. Marie Graphics
- Emergency lights have been ordered to replace the blue emergency lights. Cost: \$5,297.60. The dealer is willing to buy back the blue lights for approximately \$1,000.00.

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.
- Had to be towed from GPIA during an IFT for Life Flight. Smog pump/pulley seized and broke the serpentine belt. The torque converter clutch needed to be replaced and transmission needs to be rebuilt. Quote: \$3,200 - \$4,800.00. Side note: the engine is also worn out.

- 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 2022:**

- 9.26.22 Logan Health EMS Run Reviews

**Training Requests:**

- None at this time.

Submitted: Amy Beick, Fire Chief