

**MINUTES
SOMERS VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT
TRUSTEE'S MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bernie Olson, Dave Hayes, Bill Brass, Fran VanRinsum (arrived at 6:07), Dan Vachal

Department Members Present: J. D. Hayes, Tom Havens Jason Hayes, Everest George and Mike Ketcher

The meeting was called to order by Bill Brass at 6:00 p.m.

The Minutes of December 8, 2015, were read. Dan made a motion to approve these Minutes. Bernie seconded and motion carried.

Bills were presented in the amount of \$6,824.03. A motion was made by Dan to pay these bills. Bernie seconded and motion carried.

The bill for MES in the amount of \$118.00 was meant for Jeremy. He will give us a check next month.

We received a check from Flathead Electric for Capital Credits in the amount of \$71.01. The Secretary will take it to the County for deposit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Property

Bill went to the SCWSD meeting. They had approved that we could have water and sewer connections.

New Rescue Truck

JD will be sending them the information tomorrow. We need to upgrade Trk. #5 to sell. Do we want to sell the 2006 #5 first or buy the other 2000 truck first? Bill suggested that JD pursue what #5 is worth and what the new truck will cost.

DNRC Money

We received an automatic deposit of \$2,822.55 from the DNRC for firefighting at McGregor Lake. Fran made a motion to have the Secretary write personnel checks for hours worked. Dan seconded and motion carried. The Chief is to get the Secretary a list of payouts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Every Board member received a copy of a letter from Flathead County regarding the dismissal of charges for Chris Cassidy.

Jeremy asked what the insurance company has listed as an age for driving a fire truck. The answer is 21.

Tom mentioned that the base station for Lakeside is trash. He suggested taking one out of a truck and getting a new one for the truck at an approximate cost of \$699.00. Dave made a motion to allow Tom to ret the radio and get it programmed. Fran seconded and motion carried.

Tom said that he is sending two recruits to the Firefighter I class at approximately \$300. The Board gave him permission.

Elections

The Fire Department had their elections with the following outcome:

Chief – Tom Havens
Assistant Chief – Jason Hayes
Captain – Jeremy Hayes

A motion was made by Dan to accept these elections. Bernie seconded and motion carried.

The Board would like to thank Matt and Rachael for painting the Lakeside Station Office.

Fran wanted to compliment the QRU and Fire Department of their handling of the bus accident. He wanted to know who has the authority on the bus with the kids. The outcome was that the Fire Department has ultimate control until relinquished to the Highway Patrol.

Meeting adjourned at 6:66 p.m.

Dolores Webb, Secretary