

SMITHVILLE AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 25, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Smithville Area Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairwoman Debbie Childress at 7:09 p.m. Board members present were Debbie Childress, Bob Painter, Charlie Waters, and Brian Laybourne.

REVIEW PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 28, 2020 regular meeting were approved with no changes and without objection.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for July 2020 will be filed for audit with no changes and without objection.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

D. Childress thanks Board members for covering for her during the July regular meeting as she was unable to attend.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Cline provided the Chief's report.

Total of 129 incidents for July. 38 overlapping incidents. 777 incidents through end of July; approximately 15 percent ahead of this time last year.

Community risk reduction. Nine public relations events, three building inspections.

Four plan reviews. 12 open burning permits.

Training. Pump operator class for three new firefighters. Followed up with 16-hour emergency response driving course provided by VFIS our insurance provider. 480 hours of training for the month of July.

Health and safety. No major changes with COVID-19. Hydrostatic fogger on order. Will be reimbursed for that through the CARES Act money.

Majority of annual medical physicals for firefighters will be done on Thursday and Friday this week.

Maintenance. Station #2 repairs made. Front aprons repaired. No bids yet received for parking lot asphalt work that was previously approved to be posted.

Apparatus. One of the pumpers has a minor leak on the intake. One of the brush trucks has a minor leak on intake. Tanker has a leak on the pump, has been bid out. Estimated cost is about \$7,000.

Administration. Chief has been in touch with public works director and city manager to get everybody on the same page with the plan review process, how they're permitting construction projects, and how our approval falls in with that.

Sheriff's office passed the sales tax to increase funding for the Sheriff's office resulting in raise for their personnel and communications officers and dispatchers. So SAFPD costs will go up.

Board asks when Price Chopper and Porters will open. Chief answers Price Chopper Grand Opening is October 14th and Porters probably by the end of SEPTEMBER.

Board gets update on status of new apparatus and Chief says delivery should be mid December.

Board and Chief discuss status of White Iron Ridge event venue.

C. Waters and Chief Cline discuss painting fire hydrants.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER POLICY ESTABLISHING GUIDELINE FOR RESERVE FUND BALANCE.

Chief Cline provides information and makes recommendation.

B. Painter makes a motion approve Chief Cline's fund balance guidelines recommendation. C. Waters seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

D. Childress makes a motion to set the property tax levy rate for 2021 at the maximum allowable tax levy rate of .2821. C. waters seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

D. Childress makes a motion to set the 2021 rate at the maximum allowable rate of .1440. C. Waters seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carried.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNED:**

D. Childress made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by C. Water. Roll call vote: B. Laybourne, yes. C. Waters, yes. B. Painter, yes. D. Childress, yes. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

/s/ Liebe Stevenson

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LIEBE STEVENSON, C.C.R #1340

The meeting minutes were written by Liebe Stevenson, under the authority of the Board of Directors. These minutes are not official until read, approved and signed by a member of the Board.

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Charlie Waters, Secretary

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Date