

SMITHVILLE AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
December 20, 2016

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The regular monthly meeting of the Smithville Area Fire Protection District was called to order by Debbie Childress at 7:00 P.M., Board members present were Greg Atkins, Michael “Mick” Summers and Debbie Childress.

Review Previous Months Minutes:

- Greg Atkins made a motion to table the minutes due to inaccuracy and unauthorized changes made to them. Chief Callahan was instructed to rewrite the November minutes per his notes and have them read for Board review at the January 31, 2017 meeting. Motion was seconded by Mick Summers. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report:

- Greg Atkins made a motion to approve the September, 2016 Treasurer’s report. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Chief’s Report:

- Greg Atkins made a motion to approve the October, 2016 Fire Chief’s report. Mick Summers seconded the motion. There was discussion about the progress on the new fire station, Chief Callahan thank all of the employees for their help in making the Santa at the Fire Station successful and Debbie Childress asked about the Chief attending the dispatch meeting. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Charlie Waters 503 Indian Trail Court

Unfinished/Old Business:

Fire District/City meeting - No Motions, discussion only, Greg Atkins pointed out that Cindy Maasen from the City emailed and the liaison meeting will be on January 19, 2017 @ 7:00 P.M. and all other meetings in 2017 will be held on the third Thursday in the first month of each quarter, tentatively (April 20, 2017, July 20, 2017 and October 19, 2017).

Microphones/PA System – No Motions, Chief Callahan was instructed to remove this from the agenda.

Greg Atkins made a motion to approve the 2017 budget as presented. Mick Summers seconded the motion. Discussion: Greg Atkins asked if the budget needed to be approved before the January 1, 2017, Chief Callahan replied “yes”. Debbie Childress asked questions about the carryover funds and about the training and travel lines being reduced. Chief Callahan explained the carryover funds. Chief Callahan explained the training and

travel lines were reduced due to the necessity to balance the budget. These lines historically have not been completely used, therefore, logical to reduce them to balance the budget. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

New business:

Work schedules for Firefighters and Chiefs – Mick Summers made a motion to table this agenda item. Greg Atkins seconded the motion. Discussion: Mick Summers said in the November 22, 2016 meeting Chief Callahan and Captain Traub were asked to submit Pros and Cons for the current schedules. Mick said he had received them from Chief Callahan but did not receive any from Captain Traub, therefore, until he had those and was able to review them he could not hear comments or take any action on this item. Greg Atkins agreed. Debbie Childress allowed Charlie Waters to give his public comments on this agenda item. Prior to starting he was warned about remarking on individuals, Mr. Waters confirmed he understood. Mr. Waters expressed he felt the firefighters schedule did not need to be changed but the Chiefs schedule did. He feels the Chiefs should work Monday through Friday because this offered more safety to the community. Mr. Waters then had to be stopped by the Fire District's Attorney Mr. Steve Wolcott because starting to make comments about and making attacks on and directly speaking about individuals. Debbie Childress was going to allow Captain Traub to speak, again Mr. Wolcott had to intervene and express that was not appropriate. Captain Traub then handed some papers to each one of the Directors and returned to his seat. All members present voted yes. Motion carried item tabled.

Process for approving minute-taking invoices – Greg Atkins made a motion to pay Mrs. Raskin's invoice for payment. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. Discussion: Charlie Waters was allowed public comment on the item, he expressed that he felt there was a need to search for another third party note taker other than Chief Callahan in lieu of Mrs. Raskin's choice to not return. Debbie Childress agreed. Mick Summers and Greg Atkins felt having the Chief take the minutes was fine. All members present voted yes. Motion carried. Chief Callahan gave the check for \$175.00 as invoiced by Mrs. Raskin to the directors to sign. The check will be mailed the next day.

Closed Session:

At 8:07 Debbie Childress made a motion to close open session and move into executive session as authorized by the State of Missouri Sunshine Law 610.021 (1) Legal and (3) Personnel to close the meeting. Greg Atkins seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called for, Debbie, yes, Greg, yes, Mick, yes. Motion carried.

Reconvene Open meeting:

After Closed session Debbie Childress made a motion to reconvene the open meeting. Greg Atkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote, Greg, yes, Mick, yes, Debbie, yes, motion carried. Debbie Childress called the regular open meeting back to order at 9:00 P.M. Debbie Childress announced that Mick Summers submitted his resignation and the Board voted to accepted it effective December 31, 2016.

Debbie Childress also made a motion for Chief Callahan to post the opening (At the station, in the paper and online) for a Director to be appointed to fill the vacancy until the next SAFPD election (April 2018), prior to posting check with the Fire District's attorney as to the amount of time to give interested people to submit their letters of interest. Greg Atkins seconded the motion. All members voted yes, motion carried.

Next Board Meeting:

Date/Time: January 31, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjourned:

A Motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Debbie Childress, seconded by Mick Summers. All members present voted yes, Motion carried, Adjourned at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully,

John Callahan, Fire Chief

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

Greg Atkins, Secretary/Treasurer

Date