

SMITHVILLE AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 31, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Smithville Area Fire Protection District was called to order by Chairman Debbie Childress on January 31, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. Board members present were Debbie Childress and Greg Atkins.

**Review Previous Months' Minutes:**

- November 22, 2016 meeting  
Ms. Childress made a motion to amend the minutes as presented stating there were no details of what citizens had said during public comment.  
Mr. Atkins asked to table the minutes until the next regular meeting
  
- December 30, 2016 meeting  
Ms. Childress made a motion to amend the minutes as presented stating there were no details of what citizens had said during the public comment and that there was an error in the recording of her voting.  
Mr. Atkins asked to table the minutes until the next regular meeting.

**Treasurer's report:**

- For the month of December, 2016  
  
Motion to accept the treasure's report made by Mr. Atkins, seconded by Ms. Childress.  
Vote: Childress yes, Atkins yes

**Chief's Report:**

- Chief Callahan was on sick leave, Deputy Chief Cline was attending in his absence. Deputy Chief Cline reported that in February a meeting is planned to create a punch list of items to complete the construction of Station 3. After the punch list items are completed, the only items remaining on the project are installation of the communications tower and the security system on the building. Deputy Chief Cline also reported that the new pumper should be delivered in February.  
  
Motion to accept the Chief's report made by Ms. Childress, seconded by Mr. Atkins.  
Vote: Childress yes, Atkins yes

**Public Comment:**

- No public comment was at this time.

**Unfinished/Old Business:**

- Fire District – City Liaison Meeting

Mr. Atkins reported that in the meeting it was discussed having a table-top drill in the future to utilize the NIMS system. Mr. Atkins remarked that all parties involved agreed that communication between the organizations had improved. Mr. Atkins also stated that the list of hydrants with various problems was getting shorter as the City has been making repairs.

No motions made.

- Work schedules for Firefighters and Chiefs

Nick Traub, Union President, provided information comparing the work schedules of firefighters working the 48/96 schedule and the Berkley schedule with the work schedules of chief officer working 4-day weeks and 5-day weeks. Traub stated the firefighters would like to remain on the 48/96 schedule.

Ms. Childress made a motion to keep firefighter on the 48/96 schedule and change the chief officers to a 5-day work week. Motion died for lack of a second.

#### **New business:**

- Director Interviews

Ms. Childress stated each applicant present would be given 5 minutes to speak.

Mr. Atkins asked that the board re-open the application period, advertise the position in the newspaper, and set the new deadline as the March regular meeting.

Charlie Waters made a public comment in regards to the proposed change in the process.

Ms. Childress stated that the Board would conduct the interviews as described in the public notice. Ms. Childress called each applicant present forward to make any comments.

Charlie Waters, Duane Garmeson, Greg Peters, Bob Painter, and Greg Vincent all spoke about their qualifications and why they were interested in serving on the board. The final applicant, Brenden McCullough, was not present at the meeting.

Ms. Childress made a motion to accept Charlie Waters as a board member. Motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Childress made a motion to accept Bob Painter as a board member. Motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Childress made a motion to accept Greg Peters as a board member. Motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Childress made a motion to accept Greg Vincent as a board member.  
Motion died for lack of a second.  
Ms. Childress made a motion to accept Brenden McCullough as a board member.  
Motion died for lack of a second.

Ms. Childress made a motion to accept Duane Garmeson as a board member.  
Motion died for lack of a second.

Paul Johnson spoke as public comment. Mr. Johnson stated that the article in the paper in regards to the open board member position was larger than an ad placed in the paper would have been. Mr. Johnson also stated that the fire district should be a 5-member board not a 3-member board.

- Signatures on bank accounts

Ms. Childress made a motion to remove Berry Parks and Michael Summers from all accounts. Mr. Atkins seconded the motion. Vote: Childress yes, Atkins yes

Ms. Childress made a motion to add Debbie Childress to all of the accounts, keep Greg Atkins on all of the accounts, and to keep Connie Massie on the operating account. Mr. Atkins seconded the motion. Vote: Childress yes, Atkins yes

- Closed Session

At 8:12pm Ms. Childress made a motion to move out of open session and to go in to closed session as authorized by the State of Missouri Sunshine Law 610.021. Motion seconded by Mr. Atkins. Roll call vote, Childress yes, Atkins yes.

Ms. Childress made a motion to move out of closed session and to go in to open session. Motion seconded by Mr. Atkins. Roll call vote, Childress yes, Atkins yes.

- Reconvene open session

Ms. Childress made a motion to reopen open session. Motion seconded by Mr. Atkins. Roll call vote, Childress yes, Atkins yes.

**Next Board Meeting:**

- Date/time: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00pm.

**Adjourned:**

- A Motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Ms. Childress seconded by Mr. Atkins. Vote; Childress yes, Atkins yes. Adjourned at 9:09 P.M.

Respectfully,

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Dave Cline, Deputy Chief

The meeting minutes were written by Deputy Chief Dave Cline, 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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Greg Atkins, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date