

SMITHVILLE AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 28, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Smithville Area Fire Protection District was called to order by Debbie Childress at 7:02 P.M., Board members present were Greg Atkins and Debbie Childress.

**Review Previous Months Minutes:**

- Debbie Childress made a motion to approve the November 2016 minutes with the recommended corrections. Motion was seconded by Greg Atkins. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.
- Debbie Childress made a motion to approve the December 2016 minutes with the recommended corrections. Motion was seconded by Greg Atkins. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.
- Debbie Childress made a motion to approve the January, 2017 minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Greg Atkins. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:**

- Greg Atkins made a motion to approve the January, 2017 Treasurer's report. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

**Chief's Report:**

- Debbie Childress made a motion to approve the February, 2017 Fire Chief's report. Greg Atkins seconded the motion. All members present voted yes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

- Brian Fulmer, 341 Meadow, The Board needs to get on with business and build trust before going to tax payers for tax increase.
- Greg Peters, 12145 Lora, Board has been unproductive for 3 months, why is attorney at meetings, how can the Board ask tax payers for money.
- Shannon Breckenridge, 100 Highland, questioned the Fire Chief's contract
- Charlie Waters, 503 Indian Trail Court, Asked how Director Summers was appointed, set president for appointing can't just choose someone, and it's an insult to tax payers to ask for more money.
- Greg Vincent, 105 Betsy Ct., Account ability for employees, employee shouldn't be keeping minutes, Employee shouldn't interrupt Board.
- Ann Darr, 107 Wright Valley Rd., Keep up Facebook and Social media, No names should be used when addressing the Board, work on transparency, put differences a side and build bridges and trust.

### **Unfinished/Old Business:**

- Fire District/City meeting - No Motions, discussion only, Greg Atkins pointed the City and Fire District were continuing to work together on getting all the hydrants operational.
- Board Member Appointment – Debbie Childress made individual motions to appoint each of the following; Charlie Waters, Bob Painter, Greg Vincent, Greg Peters, Brenden McCullough and Duane Garmeson. Greg Atkins declined to second any of the motions. All of the motions die due to no second.
  - The following people spoke in public comment on this agenda item;
    - Ann Darr, 107 Wright Valley Rd., she asked for and was granted a 5 minute recess to speak privately to Director Atkins.
    - Duane Garmeson, Paul Johnson, Greg Vincent, Nick Hartman, John Chevalier, Melissa Wilson and Charlie waters, all commented on disappointment of not having a board member appointed, all interested meet the qualifications appoint one, all turned in letters of intent within the time frame set by the Board why do you want to extend the time frame, Board must meet obligation to citizens.
- Work schedule for Fire Chief. Debbie Childress made a motion to change the Fire Chiefs schedule to Monday – Friday 8 hours a day. Motion died due to no second.
  - The following people spoke in public comment on this agenda item;
    - Duane Garmeson, Board decides the Fire Chiefs schedule, Chief should be here has much as possible.
    - Charlie Waters, Having the Chief here Monday – Friday 8 hours a day is better for the community.

### **New business:**

- Ballot Issue to Staff Station # 3. No motions made discussion only. Debbie Childress felt this was an important issue to address and start planning for especially since the new school will be in this stations district. Greg Atkins commented that the Smithville School District has shown that a ballot issue can be passed and the Fire District needs to start planning and working on this issue.
  - The following people spoke in public comment on this agenda item;
    - Charlie Waters, currently he could not support this issue or give the Fire District money with a clear conscious.
    - Greg Vincent, Questioned if the Fire District even needs paid firefighters, he will not support a tax levy due to lack of trust.
- Appoint an Ad Hoc committee to help plan ballot issue to increase levy. No motions, discussion only, the Board will continue to look at this option.

- Research the Fire District Moving to a 5 person Board. No motions, discussion only, Debbie Childress said she couldn't support this issue until the Board first got a third Director appointed.
- Fire board Mission Statement. No motions, discussion only. Each of the Directors will work on this and present their ideas at the next meeting.
- Fire board appointment precedent and policy. No motions, discussion only. Each of the Directors will work on this and present their ideas at the next meeting.

**Closed Session:**

Debbie Childress refused to move into executive session as shown on the meeting agenda and as authorized by the State of Missouri Sunshine Law 610.021 (1) Legal and (3) Personnel to close the meeting. No motion made.

**Next Board Meeting:**

Date/Time: March 28, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

**Adjourned:**

A Motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Debbie Childress, seconded by Greg Atkins. All members present voted yes, Motion carried, Adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

Respectfully,

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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.

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Greg Atkins, Secretary/Treasurer

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Date