

SMITHVILLE AREA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
March 28, 2017

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

Review Previous Months Minutes:

- Debbie Childress made a motion to approve the February 28, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Greg Atkins seconded the motion. All present voted yes. Motion carried.
- Debbie Childress made a motion to approve the March 7, 20017 special meeting closed session minutes. Greg Atkins seconded the motion. All present voted yes, Motion carried.
- Debbie Childress made a motion to approve the March 14, 20017 special meeting closed session minutes. Greg Atkins seconded the motion. All present voted yes, Motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

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

Chief's Report:

- Deputy Chief Dave Cline provided the Chief's report. SAFPD responded to 80 incidents in the month of February. The Board directed Deputy Chief Cline to create a Request for Proposal (RFP) to repair the roof of Station 1. Deputy Chief Cline reported that there was no damage found to Station 3 after the recent tornado. Chief Cline is meeting with the architect at Station 3 to review the progress of the punch-list items and to determine the final completion date. Chief Cline reported that documents from the 2009 Assistance to Firefighters Grant were assembled and submitted to FEMA for a "desk review" which is similar to an audit. Chief Cline reported that interaction with the City of Smithville and Clay County Emergency Management went very well during the recent tornado incident. SAFPD responded to 19 incidents in 3 hours in regards to the tornado. In the days following the tornado, SAFPD stood by Tuesday through Friday, 105 man-hours, to provide assistance and medical aid to citizens and those assisting with the clean-up. Training from the apparatus builder and the pump manufacturer has been completed on the new pumper. Tools and equipment have been ordered and the new apparatus should be put in service in the next 45 days.
- Greg Atkins made a motion to approve chief's report for February, 2017. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. All present voted yes, motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Charlie Waters, 503 Indian Trail Ct, Smithville, MO
Mr. Waters spoke about the recent tornado incident in the northern portion of the district. Mr. Waters stated that he had heard from several City staff who appreciated how SAFPD personnel responded and assisted the citizens. Mr. Waters then asked to recognize the SAFPD personnel who were in attendance at the meeting.

Unfinished/Old Business:

- Fire District – City of Smithville liaison meeting
 - Next meeting April 20, 7pm, SAFPD Station 2, 341 Park Drive
- Board member appointment
 - Greg Atkins made a motion to appoint Bob Painter to the open Board of Directors position. Debbie Childress seconded the motion. All present voted yes, motion carried.
 - Mr. Painter was sworn into office as a Director and took his seat at the table.
- Appropriate Ballot Issue to staff Station #3
 - Greg Atkins made a motion to have legal counsel research placing the issue on the ballot for 2018. Motion died for lack of a second.
 - Tabled
- Appoint Ad Hoc committee to help District promote ballot issue
 - Tabled
- Fire Board mission statement
 - Tabled
- Fire Board appointment precedent and policy
 - Tabled
- Research the District moving to a five (5) person Board
 - Greg Atkins made a motion to have legal counsel research the process to put the issue on the ballot. Motion died for lack of a second.
 - Public comment, Charles Baker, 409 NE 144th Street, Smithville, MO
 - Stated he strongly suggests the District moving to a 5-member Board of Directors.
 - Tabled

New Business:

- Debbie Childress introduced Joe Gagnon of the Gagnon Law Firm as the new legal counsel of the Smithville Area Fire Protection District.
 - Public Comment, Charlie Waters
 - Asked questions of Mr. Gagnon in regards to public comments made in open meetings.

Closed Session:

- At 7:45pm Debbie Childress made a motion to go into closed session as authorized by the State of Missouri Sunshine Law 610.021 (1) Legal and (3) Personnel. Bob Painter seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Childress yes, Atkins yes, Painter yes.
- At 8:32pm Debbie Childress made a motion to move out of closed session and to go in to open session. Motion seconded by Greg Atkins. Roll call vote: Childress yes, Atkins yes, Painter yes.

Reconvene Open Session:

- At 8:34pm Debbie Childress made a motion to re-open open session. Motion was seconded by Bob Painter. Roll call vote: Childress yes, Atkins yes, Painter yes.
- Debbie Childress stated that in closed session the Board of Directors voted to name Deputy Chief Dave Cline as Acting Fire Chief and to assume all duties and responsibilities of Fire Chief of the Smithville Area Fire Protection District until such time as Chief John Callahan returns or until further action of the Board.

Next Board Meeting:

- The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Tuesday April 25, 2017 and 7:00pm.

Adjourned:

- A Motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Debbie Childress. Motion was seconded by Greg Atkins. All members present voted yes, Motion carried, Adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully,

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.

Greg Atkins, Secretary/Treasurer

Date