

Santa Margarita Fire Protection District
22375 El Camino Real
Santa Margarita, CA 93453
805-438-3185

Board of Directors Meeting
September 11, 2024

Minutes:

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM. Present: John Wilkins, Beth Gorrill, Joel Switzer, and Fire Chief, Bob Murach, Dept. Chief, Bobby Guy
2. The August meeting minutes were read. John moved to approve, Joel seconded and minutes were approved on a vote of 3 ayes, no nays.
3. Action Items:
 - A. The warrants were presented. John moved to approve the warrants. Joel seconded. A vote was taken: 3 Ayes, no Nays. Motion passed.
 - B. Weed Abatement Status: Only the Union Pacific Railroad Property adjacent to Yerba Buena Ave remains out of compliance. Chief Murach will notify them of a fine of \$5000.00.
 - C. The following monies were received:
 - A Grant in the amount of \$56,654.00 was received from the Gary Senise Foundation for the purchase of 6 SCBA's. John moved to accept the funds and to deposit into the Significant Value Purchases Account. Joel seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes, no nays.
 - CalFire Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant in the amount of \$5,093 was received for the purchase of Wildland Fire Equipment. John motioned to accept the funds and designate them to the Significant Value Purchase Account. Beth seconded and the motion carried with 3 Ayes and 0 nays.

- Received a rebate of \$166.00 due to the sale of Patrol 7850. Motion to put funds into the Insurance account was made by John, seconded by Joel and the motion carried with 3 ayes, no nays.
 - Ambulance reimbursement of \$1521.48 was received from the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2024.
 - A donation of \$70. was received and will be deposited into general fund.
- D. A request from Ty's Bounce Ranch to provide a Bounce House in the Department's vacant parking lot on event nights such as Cruise Night, Margarita Stroll, etc was discussed and unanimously vetoed due to liability issues.
- E. Proposed new station- plans are being revised and a new draft will be reviewed. It will include a Sheriff's office and a locked storage for medical supplies, among Chief and Deputy Chief's offices.
- F. We received a notification from SLO County RE: Spartan Races. No impact to the town.
- G. Chief Murach brought a resolution to the Board to participate in the 50/50 Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant for a maximum of \$6843.15. John moved to pass the Resolution #2024-0911. Joel seconded the motion was approved with 3 Ayes 0 nays.
- H. John moved to accept the OHV Grant from SLO County for \$4700.00 to purchase and EMS Skid for the new UTV. Beth seconded and the motion carried with 3 Ayes, 0 nays.
4. Chief's Report. 4 Firefighters participated in the Templeton Fire Stair Climb.
The department will participate in the Town's Evening in Margarita on Sept. 20th, as well as the Fire Fighter Appreciation BBQ at the Community Hall on Oct. 5th.
5. The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct.9, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Beth Gorrill, Board Secretary

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Wednesday, Sept 11, 2024**

5:00 PM at the Fire Station

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Reading/Approval of previous Minutes
3. Action Items:
 - A. Warrants
 - B. Weed abatement status and fines
 - C. Donations/Funds received/Expenditures
 - D. Proposal from Ty's Bounce Ranch for fundraising
 - E. Updates on Proposed New Station
 - F. Notification from SLO County re: Spartan Races
 - G. Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant
 - H. OHV Grant
4. Chief's Report
5. Public Comment
6. Adjournment