

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING MARCH 11, 2020
FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING
TOWN OF MARENGO & TOWN OF WHITE RIVER

Present: Steve Walston, Kathy Schutte, Donna Koosmann, Matt Lehto, Matt Granger, Shelley Jolma, Craig Uskoski, Lance Ritola, Rob Puls and Pat Rodgers of the Great Divide Ambulance Service.

Meeting called to Order at 6:30 PM

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Town of White River Clerk, Shelley Jolma. Motion by Kathy Schutte and a second by Matt Lehto to approve the minutes as read.

***OLD BUSINESS:**

--None

***FIRE CHIEF UPDATES:**

--Craig Uskoski said both him and Assistant Chief Lance Ritola took a Fire Officer training. They are also currently taking another course regarding Fire Training.

--There was a donation to the Fire Dept from Elmer H. He had passed away and his wife found information stating that he wanted \$1000 donated to the Marengo Valley Fire Department.

***GREAT DIVIDE AMBULANCE SERVICE:**

--Rob Puls, Director and Pat Rodgers were present from Great Divide. Rob talked briefly about the lawsuit and the way it has increased their costs all around. Rob handed out a few documents to both boards regarding the current costs of the Ambulance Service and what they are up against. The contract between Great Divide and TOWR/TOM is up December 31, 2020. By September 1, 2020 the Ambulance Service and the Town(s) will need to decide/negotiate on something. Rob did not have the numbers for the new contract at this meeting. Chairman Matt Lehto stated that this is a big decision for the towns and we would like to get the numbers/negotiations as soon as possible. The Board would like to meet with Rob when these numbers/negotiations are available. Meeting was scheduled for June 10, 2020 @ 6:30 PM.

***NEW BUSINESS:**

--Kathy Schutte requested a few signatures for the Enbridge Grant from the Fire Chief.

***SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 10, 2020 @ 6:30 PM.

A motion was made by Matt Granger and seconded by Kathy Schutte to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Shelley Jolma, Clerk
Town of White River