

MINUTES 9/20/22
Whitefish Fire Service Area Trustees Meeting
Fire Station #22

Call to Order: 6:09pm

Attendance

- Trustees: Molly Miller, Ed McGrew, George Losleben, Dave Kauffman (Tom Moran, by phone)
- Guests: Mike Frost, John Van Denburg, Joe Perry

Public Comment: Mike Frost offered his support, discussed assessing undeveloped land, and expressed approval for utilizing Station 22 to become a fully operational station

Approval of [8/16/22 Minutes](#)

- Motion submitted and approved

Welcome New Trustees

- Tom Moran
- Dave Kauffman

Treasurer's Report

- #2967, \$121.00, FEC; #2968, \$16.35, NWE; #2969, 500.00, Big Drift; Ben Forman, \$500.00, Lawn Care
- 2022 Budget Adoption resolution
 - Deferred until correction can be made with the County
- Fees on undeveloped land for WFSA members
 - Supported under annotated code 7-33-2404
 - County attorney advises no other legal requirements
 - County Supervisors need to approve with other fee requests
 - May not be cost effective for parcels smaller than 100 acres
 - County GIS office can filter data to provide that info

CMU Project

- Update on kickoff meeting
 - Tom shared the presentation he gave in Pittsburgh with the Board, along with supporting documents
 - A lively discussion ensued
- Next steps
 - Beta test October 15
 - Live test mid-November; requires Internet access so may need to be held at Station 21

Three-Year [Plan](#)

- Discussion and vote
 - Discussed Fire Authority vs. Fire District as a means of moving to mill-levy tax basis
 - Vote was unanimous to approve the Plan

Fire Authority Legislation update

- Status and next steps
 - No apparent barriers to legislation
 - Ed to set up meeting with Matt Regier when he returns

Station 22 Residential Station Design RFQ Status

- Where we stand
 - Joe Perry will add the [RFQ](#) to our website and will place in local papers
 - RFQs due November 15
- Chief Page's [Firehall Wish List](#) and other requests
 - Members questioned some items
 - Ed requested more time to review

3-Year Plan Committees

- Recommendations for potential committee members
 - Finance Committee
 - Types of volunteers could be accountants, bankers, grant writers, brokers
 - Tom Moran and George Losleben to be WFSA representatives
 - Outreach Committee
 - Types of volunteers could be community leaders, marketing/PR professionals, web experts
 - John Van Denburgh approved as one volunteer for this committee
 - Molly Miller to be WFSA representative
 - Logistics Committee
 - Station 22 Logistics
 - Types of volunteers could be building contractors, engineers, firefighters/first responders, local neighbors, community leaders, contract attorneys
 - Ed McGrew to be WFSA representative
 - Future Stations Logistics
 - Types of volunteers could be realtors, real estate attorneys, community leaders
 - Mike Frost approved as one volunteer for this committee
 - Tom Moran to be WFSA representative
- Committee guidelines
 - Ad hoc
 - Advisory
 - Led by Trustee

- Committee members other than WFSA Trustees need not live in the WFSA

Grants

- Whitefish Community Foundation Major Community Project Grant
 - Requires 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, so not available to WFSA
- FEMA guidelines available 10/22

Fire Tower Updates

- Tom Moran added closures to secure the facility and submitted a reimbursement request

Administrative Business

- Montana Fire Trustees Conference
 - Molly Miller and George Losleben attending
 - WFSA will become a member
- Gender neutral language for bylaws
 - Molly to pursue with County Supervisors
 - County attorneys do not need to be involved
- Roof bid status
 - This project no longer required because of larger Station 22 plans
- Electronic Stationery
 - Joe Perry provided samples
- Business Cards
 - No one was interested in having them

Adjournment: 7:15