

## WHITEFISH FIRE SERVICE AREA

### Special Meeting Minutes

6:00 p.m., Monday, March 04, 2024

Station 22, 1345 Hodgson Road, Whitefish, Montana

Board Meeting Purpose: This will be a Special Board Meeting to discuss the purchase of a 2023 International HV507 E-One, Type III, Four Wheel Drive, Engine. The purposed cost of this engine is \$495,000.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kauffman at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Kauffman, Moran, Dyon, Carlson. McGrew absent/excused  
Executive Director, Haas

Guests: Scott Miller, Eddie Smith, John VanDenBurg

Public Comments for Non-Agenda Items: Scott Miller, thanks for mailing out a great letter and newspaper article. John VanDenBurg, again thanks for the recent mailing. Continue with a follow up email soon. John suggested that we reach out to Whitefish Hills HOA (DC - already completed). Also recommended to reach out to Fred Jones.

Treasurer Report:

Bills will wait until the March 19 regular meeting.

The audit continues with the GIS summary sheets

Board Session Discussion: Purchase of 2022 Fire Engine:

Chief Hadley informed the board that the engine is a 2022. An informative discussion occurred surrounding the purchase of the engine. Chief Hadley stated that if WFSA would purchase the engine, and title it over to the city, the \$1000,000 WFSA engine purchase fee could be waved, or a lower contract rate may be possible in 2026. Moran provided feedback from the County Attorneys office on the legalities of the possible purchase.

Board members discussed the engine purchase. Concerns included financial issues, upcoming contract wording, timing, and prioritizing purchases.

Chief Hadley needed to leave early before the meeting was adjourned. The issue was tabled to the March 19<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting.

Public Comment for Agenda Related Items:

Scott Miller asked several questions relating to the engine purchase. Is it a prototype? How many Type III E-One engines are currently on the market? Have you compared this engine to other Type III engines currently on the market?

Dyon made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carlson. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: 6:00 p.m., March 19,

/s/ DC Haas, Executive Director

***The meeting was digitally recorded.***