

MINUTES 8/16/22  
Whitefish Fire Service Area Trustees Meeting  
Fire Station #22

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Attendance

- Trustees
  - Ed McGrew, Molly Miller, George Losleben
- Guests
  - Tom Moran, Dennis Oliver, Scott Miller, Joe Perry, Joe Page

Public Comment

Approval of [7/19/22 Minutes](#)

- Approved

Treasurer's Report

- 2023 Budget and Meeting with Tamara at County Finance
  - Too late to make a rate increase this year. Molly and George with details
- Deadlines and process for raising WFSA rates
  - Public hearing Summer 2023
- WFSA finance policy development
- July bills paid: Ben Forman, \$500.00, Big Drift Marketing, \$568.00, NWE, \$16.35, Flathead Electric, \$106.00, Local Govt, Services (license fee), 55.00

Executive Leadership

- Review any candidates for Trustee vacancies
  - WFSA has endorsed Tom Moran's application for an open position
- Deadline for submissions August 25

CMU Study Update

- On target for Sept 16th kickoff

Whitefish Estates (formerly Baker 80)

- Review Chief Page's recommendations
- Discuss response
  - WFSA has no oversight authority for county approval

Fire Authority Process

- Combining services/budgetary authority
- Budget would be separate from city

- Add-on departments must abut home territory
- Discuss deliverables required and develop calendar
  - Linked to legislative calendar
- Outreach action items
  - Montana Legislators, WFSA stakeholders

#### Three-Year Plan

- Review outline and identify holes
- Assign content owners and deadlines

#### Committee Next Steps

- Finance Committee
  - Look for potential candidates, financial vehicles
- Outreach Committee
  - Communications
- Logistics Committee
  - Mark Carlson, station 22 upgrade plan

#### Update on bids/contractors for Station 22 roof

- Taylor Reed, respondee

#### Montana Fire Trustee's Association Conference, Sept 30th, Copper King Hotel, Butte

- Vote on sending George and Molly and covering their expenses
  - (Estimated total: 2 x \$520.44)
  - Registration ends Sept., 22

#### Administrative Business

- Revise Bylaws to gender neutrality
  - Deputy County Attorney David Randell handled last revision  
([drandell@flathead.mt.gov](mailto:drandell@flathead.mt.gov))
- Electronic letterhead?
  - doable
- Station 22 lawn care
  - New provider, Ben Forman

Adjournment: 7:10pm