

Whitefish Fire Service Area

Board Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020 at 6:30pm

Fire Station 22 at 1345 Hodgson Rd

Roll Call

Att: Mark Carlson, Jim Dyon, Dennis Oliver, Jimmy Deets, Cal Dyck

Guest: See List

Call to Order: 6:45 pm

Approval of Agenda motioned by Dennis Oliver
2nd by Jimmy Deets

Minute's approval motioned by Dennis Oliver
2nd by Jim Dyon

Dennis Oliver: Went through what we have been through the last few months:

2007	\$156,000
2008	\$220,616
2010	\$225,603
2016	\$277,700
2020	\$299,000

- City wanted 42% raise in cost
- Everyone wants us to sign contract if we sign contract we will have to ask for more money
- City needs to pay to fix burn tower
- Some people can afford to pay more and some can't
- Fire service only is all the WFSA is contracted for
- 1.6 million in ambulance income for a year
- Excess money (try to use) to buy a truck or another Fire Hall
- We can't give the city 42% increase
- If we did get volunteers
- Joe Page said he would work with a fire chief from the WFSA if we had one

- Mill levies – Fire District

Public Comment:

Ed Leiser: They want us to negotiate with the city, maybe use a mediator to negotiate

Rural Special Improvement District

Ted Morton: Response time, professionalism, insurance survey

Harley Murna: Raise our rates

John VanDen Burge: 360 residences in WFSA positive adding to WFSA ability, growth in valley is huge, ask for money, and have to have a plan.

Sign a contract

Glenda Fagan: have to listen to what people want

\$400,000 house in city \$126.25 WFSA \$144.00 75% \$90.00

Joe Page: We need to be a fire district

Ken Cordoza: Thinks we are only paying 1/3 of what we should be paying

Maureen Cordoza: Majority of us want to feel safe & use Whitefish fire and grow from their safety

Lindsey Hromadka: Attorney we need a plan and adequate fire protection & sign a 5 year contract & negotiate with the city. Not to be afraid to increase our fee, Dana Smith told her she was ok with our numbers & ok with fire burn tower. We don't want a volunteer fire department, need to maintain status quo

Work together with volunteer & city is on our last proposal

Not a lot of volunteers

Long term planning group

Can we get microphone

Gerald Penny: Where is city manager

Most people are afraid of losing lives and their home

Pay Bills:

Flathead Electric	#2866	\$113.52
Northwestern Energy	#2867	\$17.02

Motion to pay by Cal Dyck

2nd by Jim Dyon

Adjourn 8:45 pm motion by Jimmy Deets

2nd by Cal Dyck