

WCFD Board Meeting minutes

Date : June 17th, 2024

Location:

**Training Room – Base 180
11321 Aboite Center Rd Ft Wayne, IN 46818**

This meeting is a meeting of the West Central Fire District in public for the purpose of conducting the fire district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting.

Attendees

Garry Teeguarden

Chuck Dwyer

Lance Dafforn -absent

Mike Meyers

Chandler Branning

Other- Chief Gale Stelzer, Chris Perez

1. Call to Order/Welcome/ Pledge of Allegiance 6p

2. Approval of minutes from WCFD board meeting April 23rd, 2024

1. Read agenda items aloud

Motion to approve by: Chuck Dwyer 2nd: Chandler Branning

3. Financial Report – Chris Perez

- 1.The full report is available on request to the WCFD Office administrator.

The end of June will see the 1st half year statement, a projection for the remainder of the year and 2025. A deep dive into financials will be done in July. Additional details : the campers sold and tanker are both shown in " Cash In' on the ledger. And estimated \$3 million is the 1st property tax draw.

Motion to approve by:

2nd

4. 77 Fund

19 crew wish to switch from PERF to 77, and after 2 months of careful coordination they have been scheduled for the 2nd and 3rd weeks of July for their testing on their day off. The Test is 1 day in Indianapolis, approx. 3-5 hours, consists of mental and physical exams, and costs \$1700 per person. There is one person switching from part time to full time from their previous employer, allowable as long as the process is complete by October to meet the 180 day deadline. 21-40 yrs old are eligible for a pension program. Everyone currently working at WCFD is grandfathered into the program. If they don't pass the test, they keep civil PERF. A condition of employment for new hires is passing the test. 77 involves years of service, must have 20 by the age of 60. All districts are offering 77.

A pension board will need to be created ; the duty of which is to gather the necessary local information to submit to the state. Board members' requirements need further clarification. Chris Perez is attending an educational seminar a week from Friday to learn more about the topic of Pensions and the associated processes.

All in favor of the 77 Resolution – Aye - none opposed.

5. BOT Resolution – Public Hearing 6:16pm

Garry Teegarden turns the Hearing over to Chris Perez. Members of BW Construction are present tonight to answer questions. Ms. Perez says she will highlight the timeline of the resolution and does so aloud then asks if there are questions.

A period of Q&A with discussion and public comment ensues including clarification of the purpose of the Resolution. An ad was run 2x for an RFP, April 3rd , one was received .The Resolution is to move forward in order to scope the project ; to gather details, costs including an architect quote. (No contracts are being entered.) It is a necessary step preceding a required 2nd public hearing and Board vote.

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All in Favor- Aye None opposed

7. Adjourn 6:47

Motion to approve by: Chandler Branning

2nd Chuck Dwyer

Natalie Forbing

WCFD Board Secretary