

WCFD Board Meeting minutes

Date : April 23rd 2024

Location: Community Center – 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

Chandler Branning

Mike Meyers- absent

Other- Chief Gale Stelzer, Chris Perez

1. Call to Order/Welcome/ Pledge of Allegiance 6:00pm

2. Approval of minutes from WCFD board meeting March 27th, 2024

1. Agenda item numbers read aloud

-Noted location address needed correction from Community Center – 11321 Aboite Center Rd Ft Wayne, IN 46818

To

11329 Railroad St, Ft Wayne, IN 46818

Motion to approve by: Chuck Dwyer 2nd Lance Dafforn

3. Chief's Report – Gale Stelzer

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

A department progress report presented. The report categories : Training and Safety, Fire and EMS Division, Run Data, Tanker Update.

A few highlights : Public CPR class Sat. April 27th @2p; 700 runs for the year , enroute times still down to just under 1 minute.

The tanker grant is a work in progress , timeline is at the mercy of the Awards Administrator. If the grant falls through, we don't want the tanker. Tanker 84 needs to be sold, requires authorization, there may be a buyer for \$15k. B80 needs a zero turn lawn mower, he is not asking for more money, funds from the account set aside for the squads and grass rig can be used due to money saved thus far. Working on a response plan for Lake Everett. A boat at FDIC was looked at , \$23,000. The boat that resides in house is 15-20 yrs. old, lightly used, could be outfitted with a motor and gas can for approx. \$8,000 and relocated to B80. Contact was made with station 18 and agreed that Aboite could use the boat there if it was ever needed. RFP for proposed new station: BW Construction is the only one received. We will interview them and have a public hearing. Seymour, IN is an example of what we're looking at, estimate \$8.5 million; .35 will be at next year also. Looking to recommend in May for the Board to be able to vote.

Motion to approve by: Lance Dafforn

2nd Chuck Dwyer

4. April Financial Report- Chris Perez

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

Financial Report presented. 1st, Budget report is broken into categories: Personnel Expenses, Supplies, Services. April has higher wages. Under budget for this time of year. 2nd , Comparison to Projections: Health insurance premiums for March are due in April as are property and liability (insurance.) First excise tax draw will hit our account at the end of the week for total of \$166,900. Lastly , list of all bills paid to date. 74% of building bills ((electric, gas, water, sewer) are ours, will see a slight decrease b/c station 2 is no longer ours. Mr. Branning asked what are items on (Claim and Disbursements) showing Chris Forbing and Garry Teegarden ? Reimbursements, Chris purchased some plumbing supplies to fix some plumbing , Garry purchased ink.

Motion to approve by: Lance Dafforn

2nd Chuck Dwyer

All in Favor- aye

5. New Business

- . Mr. Branning asks Ms. Perez if it was clarified that Arcola is a lost payee? Ms. Perez- Yes.

During public comment- Mr. Branning asks if Life Care will be continued through TRAA ? Chief Stelzer- yes. If people sign up, WCFD accepts Life Care. WCFD has a partnership with TRAA benefitting the district (department) and the people, covers WCFD and Ft Wayne residents. The program charges \$75 for the membership , charges the district the cost of the fee(\$20/person) and the district is able to keep the remaining \$55. Township residents can sign up 1x per year, it is advertised on TV.

6. Public Comment

Sandy Trimmer- trailers at Arcola, shared info of Propel US 30, does the board get the minutes ahead of the meeting?

Members of the audience who did not sign up to speak were allowed informal Q&A/ discussion .

7. Adjourn 6:42

Motion to approve by: Chandler Branning

2nd Chuck Dwyer