

WCFD Board Meeting

Nov 30th, 2023 _____

Arcola Fire Station 11329 Railroad Road

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

Lance Dafforn

Mike Meyers

Chandler Branning

Other- Chief Gale Stelzer

Absent- Chuck Dwyer

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

- a. Reminder to sign up for public comment at front

2. Review/approval of minutes from WCFD board meeting Oct 26th, 2023

Motion: Lance Dafforn second: Mike Meyers

3. Indiana Bond Bank Loan Resolution

Background: This resolution authorizes the WCFD to make temporary loans to meet current running expenses for the use of the general fire fund given the parameters outlined within.

Mr. Dafforn- the package is less expensive than budgeted for

Chief Stelzer- will make discussions about 2025 easier, coming under budget is good.

Signed by Board members

4. Purchasing policy and Resolution (see attached)

Background: Establishment of policy and process whereby items for purchase are approved at the administrative level.

Regarding Exceptions: #4 : the entire board needs to be notified, 1 can approve.

Chief Stelzer- we shopped around for all major brands.

Ladder testing/American test, cheapest in the past 2 years and do arial too. Any purchases will be reviewed by the board at a meeting. Uses include such things as subscriptions and such that cannot be paid for another way. Most of our dealings do not require credit card use , the risk of the card being compromised is low. One card will be in the Chief's lockbox and use approved through him. Fuel cards are through Lassus . All purchases will be reviewed by the board at a meeting.

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5.Credit Card Policy and Resolution (see attached)

Most of the district business does not require credit card use. Lake City bank, card has no liability. Credit Card is paid monthly, and the protections are vital. (No debit card).

Signed by Board Members

6. Other Business not listed

Building update:

Arcola is ready to sign and move forward. Mr. Branning has heard it is moving forward. It is believed everything will be worked out by Jan 1 . Per request by Chief Stelzer to see the Arcola Building next week, Chief Steele agrees to see Chief Stelzer after the meeting in progress to make arrangements.

Fire Apparatus: (see attached)

Read by Mr. Meyers

Note that the Chief will retain the authority to move rigs where they are needed.

Motion: Lance Dafforn 2nd: Mike Meyers

Bass Rd Station: WCFD has cut ties with Haggerman and are starting the process over. Members of the Building and land committee present in the audience verbally contributed some of the considerations with 30 and the interchange, some possible

locations and necessary details are under determination. County maps would be helpful and should be available at the next Building and Land Committee meeting.

Tanker Grant: Mr. Branning reports they will be getting the tanker grant.

7. Public Comment

Mark Butts: North of 30 sewer line is biggest, no natural gas.

John Banet: commented earlier (Building and Land Committee)

Trebor Trahin: Questions /concerns pertaining to hiring/ volunteering for personal decision making. Chief Stelzer offers to speak with him after the meeting to address his concerns and questions.

Sandy Trimmer: For clarification about use of the Arcola building.

Dave (Chief) Steele: Is it 5 years on the lease, per the lawyer.

Mr. Teegarden corrects -No. 3 years, it can be extended. WCFD will always have the 1st right.

Steve Wilhelm: Why 3-minute speaking time?

Mr. Branning- It is in our bi-laws.

Mary Wilhelm: comment, her questions have been answered.

Tim Knitter: 1. How are breaks accounted for as far as coverage and the tracks?

Mr. Teegarden: We will use a system like New Haven, it works well.

Mr. Dafforn: As problems arise, they will be dealt with

Tim Knitter: 2. Why consider wasting millions in tax money when it is unknown what other departments are doing (stations/buildings)

Mr. Dafforn: This is why there is a Building Committee.

Mr. Teegarden: We try to plan for the disaster and hope we don't need it.

Some further explanation is offered by Mr. Seifert and Mr. Banet who are members of the Building/Land Committee.

8. Adjourn: 6:49p

Motion: Mike Meyers 2nd: Lance Dafforn

Next Meeting Dec 28th, 2023

Secretary - Natalie Forbing