

West Central Fire District
AUG. 28,2023 -Public Meeting
Aboite Fire Station
Minutes: AUGUST 28, 2023

Public Present - Est 60

1. Call to Order – 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL - ALL Fire Trustees – present

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approved minutes of July meeting.

4. Chief Report Approved Max tax Levy.

C.Perez: explained- Max tax Levy (it is not the Budget) it allows us to grow as our service area needs grow. Sept – budget will be presented and reviewed. Oct.-County council will adopt or adjust budget.

Max tax rate of 10 million would =.56 / 6 million is current levy needed

5. Ambulance should arrive within 2 weeks and will run as Med 185 until Jan 1 of 2024

Steve Thurber is running a training program until Jan 1, 2024.

Discussed volunteers and the importance of them at WCFD Stations

State Certs of ATFD are being transferred to WCFD and the DEA

6. Lance Dafforn: reminded attendees that - Hearing info has to be submitted by Sept 1, 2024, and budget meeting is Sept 28 – Oct 19th is budget adoption at 8:30

Discussed rental of Arcola would burden taxpayers with \$109,000.00.

The board asked Arcola FD to consider selling their building and property to WCFD.

7. Discussed 5 locations that could possibly work for the new station.

1 Eme and Bass

2 9812 Arcola Rd – no water and is 41.24 acres.

3 E side of EME 52 acres

4 ODay 3.9 acres possible flood plain

Request was made to Arcola chief for roster of all their volunteer fire fighters.

8. Public Comments

6 signed up.

John B – Passed on comments.

Mark Butts - Passed on comments.

Lake Twp Trustee –

Sandy Trimmer – questioned Max tax levy and what it covered.

Sam K Passed on comments.

Mike Butts –Questioned as to when ambulance would be in Arcola Twp –was informed (again) on Jan first, 2024, as we are required – expressed that it was important.

9. Motion to adjourn by C Dwyer and 2nd by Garry T

Adjourned 6:36 PM

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Mike