

Board of Fire Trustees of the West Central Fire District
Aboite Township Community Room

11321 Aboite Center Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46814

Minutes

Board of Fire Trustees Public Hearing
July 26,, 2023

Trustees Present: Garry Teeguarden, Chuck Dwyer, Mike Meyers
Trustees Absent: Chandler Branning, Lance Dafforn
Others Present: Gale Stelzer, Chris Perez, Greg Martz, Brad Smith, representatives
from Hagerman Construction, MartinRiley Design

Call to Order Public Meeting – 5:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

C Dwyer moved to close meeting and M Meyers 2nd

Public Hearing was then opened

Chris Perez explained that there would not be Board voting because two of the Board members were not present and not all residents were represented; the Public Hearing would still proceed to hear comments from the public regarding the construction of a new fire station.

Greg Martz with G.M. Development explained the basic information and potential for new construction of a fire station / headquarters for WCFD and that there is only a preliminary design. Moving forward with land and station plans has not been decided.

Taxpayer impact was presented and Mr. Martz explained the impact to home owners would translate to an estimated of \$4.80 per home value of \$200,000.00 per \$1million borrowed. He explained that the budget will include the land cost, building and contents.

Rob Young with Hagerman also discussed the 4 acres of land on Bass Road costing \$464,600.00

We also discussed the land on the corner of Eme and Bass Rd for about \$34,000. Per acre. Lance D is looking into that info and will report ASAP. There was also mention of a property that just came onto market and is located at 14320 Arcola Road.

Public comments included concern about location of proposed fire station in relation to two sets of railroad tracks. Also of concern is future construction of US 30, which will cause some current crossroads to be closed.

Also of concern is building a new station in a location that is a distance from the far northwestern reaches of Lake Township and the response times in getting to those further areas.

Public comments were heard by attendees and locations of where the 1st of possibly 3 stations should be built. Population and studies of past runs and rail road tracks continued .

Motion to Adjourn