

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 Legislative Session  
June 26, 2023

**Trustees Present:** Garry Teeguarden, Chuck Dwyer, Chandler Branning, Lance Dafforn,  
Mike Meyers  
**Others Present:** Gale Stelzer, Chris Perez

**Call to Order** - 6:00 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes** Meeting of May 25, 2023, all approved

**Discussions follow below**

**Updates on Building / property on Bass Rd** - Chief Stelzer, 4.266 Acres-\$460,000, Terms and impact on tax payers needs published in paper; Goal is to break ground by 1<sup>st</sup> of sept

**Hiring update** – Chris Perez – Office Manager; Assistant Fire Chief – Jared Burke; Assistant EMS Chief – Barb Stelzer; Upcoming interviews for 33 fire/ Medics; 104 vacant spots for all fire districts

**Grants** - Chris Forbing has been working on grants for Life Pack 15 & 35, as well as a \$1.9 million grant for new pagers and Spellman with County Council

**Update on 2<sup>nd</sup> rescue engine** – Chuck Dwyer working with Republic to finance – will deliver with 1<sup>st</sup> engine.

**Update on initial tax levy** – Chris Perez indicated we are awaiting DLGF approval; all districts are similar.

**Budget** - due to county council in Sept ---approval by Aug 1, 2023

**Bank account** - Opening at Lake City

**Arcola lease** has been tabled to a later date—want to do what is best for tax payers.

**Next Meeting** July 31, 2023 at Arcola Station

**Motion to adjourn** by Lance Dafforn at 6:37

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Mike