

Board of Fire Trustees of the West Central Fire District  
Community Room – Arcola Fire Station

11329 Railroad Road  
Fort Wayne, IN 46818

**Minutes**

Board of Fire Trustees Legislative Session  
May 25, 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 April 24, 2023, all approved

**Introduction of Board Members**

**Discussions follow:**

- New business by G Teeguarden
- Updates on building/renovations by Chief Stelzer
- Hiring process begins June 15, 2023 – hiring internal candidates first then external candidates
- L Dafforn advised that the hiring structure needs to mirror other districts in Allen County
- C Perez indicated that the hiring timeline and information will be on the WCFD website [wcfcd.us](http://wcfcd.us)

Questions and new business – included Arcola Fire meeting in April regarding building and equipment

Discussions on lease of Arcloa Station in ongoing and Arcola will have another offer for WCFD soon

Discussions of property: an Arcola resident said he told M Meyers at a past meeting that Arcola VFD has 14 acres that Arcola could sell. M Meyers responded that was something he did not remember or was aware of; checking minutes did not show this discussion. Arcola fire chief responded that he was unaware of the property.

Many individual and uneventful discussions ensued.

Motion to adjourn by C Branning, second by C Dwyer

Meeting adjourned

**Next meeting** –June 26, 2023 at 1800 (6:00 PM) at the Aboite Station