
WCFD Board Meeting draft minutes

September 27, 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

Gary Teegarden

Chuck Dwyer

Lance Dafforn

Mike Meyers

Chandler Branning

Other- Chris Perez, Gale Steltzer

1. Call to Order/Welcome/ Pledge of Allegiance 6:00p
 - a. Approval of minutes from WCFD board meeting Aug 28th, 2023
 - i. Read summary aloud

Motion to approve by: Mike Meyers Second by: Chuck Dwyer

2. 2024 Budget
 - a. Presentation by Chief Gale Stelzer and WCFD office administrator Chris Perez
 - i. Review, questions, and discussion of the proposed budget that is due for county council approval at a council meeting on Sept 28th, 2023
 - Many factors are involved in budget determination, including unknowns. It is a learning process for everyone.
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 - The goal is for people to pay the least amount, yet maintain operations. No cuts for personnel, undercuts ability to provide service.

- Health insurance was advised to be approximately \$900,000. \$500,000 is the lower end of this scale, this is one of the numbers that could change based on a variety of unknown factors,

-Volunteer run money will be preserved, \$25,000

- The actual rate is unknown, Baker Tilly, and the county auditor, Nick Jordan, are the ones who know it. Baker Tilly requires payment for the calculations.

-A cushion is recommended to have funds to begin the next year as well as the unknown factors/ occurrences (i.e. fuel cost, utility costs) that could possibly affect the district

- It is estimated that after the 1st year, numbers will be better known, the rate will fall, the assessed value will go up.

- \$6.5 million = .3455 rate with an estimated \$1.1 possible \$1.5 surplus /operating balance.

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Motion to approve by: Lance Dafforn Second by: Chuck Dwyer

Vote: no nays

3. Arcola building proposal

- i. Gary Teegarden asks Chandler Branning to ask Arcola for a 1-week extension; he requests a meeting with the Arcola fire chief and president, along with Gale Steltzer.

4. Public Comments / Q&A

9 people spoke



Adjournment

Motion to approve by: Chuck Dwyer Second by: Gary Teegarden

Time: 7p

Board Secretary: Natalie Forbing