

MINUTES
of
Board of Trustee Meeting
WHITEFISH FIRE SERVICE AREA

October 21, 2015
Whitefish Fire Department Main Station

CALL TO ORDER

On October 21, 2015, 7:00 PM, Chairman Bert May called the Meeting to order. Present were Vice-Chairman Ed Lieser, Treasurer Doug Loy, Secretary Bill La Brie and newly appointed Board Member Mark Carlson.

Also present at the meeting was Fire Chief Joe Page and Whitefish City Manager Chuck Sterns.

The entire meeting was devoted to negotiations with City Manager Chuck Sterns regarding the new Contract with the City of Whitefish for Fire Service to the Residents and Business of the Whitefish Fire Service Area.

Treasurer Doug Loy presented a proposal to City Manager Sterns:

The Board would agree to the earlier proposal from the City of Whitefish to an increase over the preceding contract to raise the base fee of \$229,585.00 for the Calendar year to \$261,700.00. This would bring the total for Calendar year 2016 to \$277,700.00.

The Board also would not agree to the ½ debt payment for the fire pumper.

The Board would also agree to a 2% annual increase as follows:

The Calendar year 2017 payment would be \$283,934.00

The Calendar year 2018 payment would be \$288,272.00

The Calendar year 2019 payment would be \$293,718.00

The Calendar year 2020 payment would be \$299,272.00

As in previous contracts, we would agree to semi-annual payment of half of the above amounts. We also wanted the City to consider a 5 ½ year contract which would include one additional semi-annual payment making the expiration of the next contract a less critical time in making adjustments for the future.

City Manager appeared satisfied with the above proposal. He indicated that he would carry the information to the City Council for their consideration. If they tentatively approved the contract, he would have the City Attorney draw up a proposed contract and present it to the Fire Service Area Board for their review with the Flathead County Attorney.

There was a brief discussion regarding future Contracts with the City of Whitefish after 2020 should Whitefish become a Class 1 City and not be allowed to have Volunteer Firefighters as members of the Department. Chief Joe Page indicated that should that happen it would still not negate the option of the Whitefish Fire Service Area Board negotiating a contract with the City of Whitefish for Fire Service.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

William J. La Brie, Secretary
Whitefish Fire Service Area