

MINUTES
of
Board of Trustee Meeting
WHITEFISH FIRE SERVICE AREA

November 18, 2015
Whitefish Fire Department Main Station

CALL TO ORDER

On November 18, 2015, 7:00 PM, Chairman Bert May called the Meeting to order. Present were Treasurer Doug Loy, Secretary Bill La Brie and newly appointed Board Member Mark Carlson. Vice-Chairman Ed Lieser was out of State.

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

The majority of the 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.

Treasurer Loy discovered that the earlier figures sent by the City had been calculated at 1.89% versus the 2% as previously agreed upon. After considerable discussion the error was resolved.

The Agreement regarding the 2% increase is 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 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.

The Board Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2015 were reviewed and unanimously approved.

The Board considered bids for snow removal at the South Station. There were two bids, one from Roger Bergstrom, DBA "Snowghost" and one from Kyle Nace, DBA "Response Equipment Specialist". After consideration, the Board awarded the contract to Roger Bergstrom, who has fulfilled previous contracts as expected.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

William J. La Brie, Secretary
Whitefish Fire Service Area