

MINUTES
of
Board of Trustee Meeting
WHITEFISH FIRE SERVICE AREA

March 16, 2016
Whitefish Fire Department South Station

CALL TO ORDER

On March 16, 2016, 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 Board Member Mark Carlson.

Also present at the meeting was Whitefish Fire Chief Joe Page and Whitefish Firefighter/Concerned Citizen Scott Alexander.

The Board Meeting Minutes for February 17, 2016 were reviewed and unanimously approved. A copy of the Minutes will be forwarded to the Flathead Election Administrator for their records.

There was discussion regarding the two bids received for service of the Generac 97A02716-S Emergency Generator in the South Station. A bid was received from Western States CAT, prepared by Jeff Wallace, Ref Doc: OW26489, prepared on February 17, 2016 for \$1,496.59.

A second bid was received from Response Equipment Specialists LLC, Estimate # 1013, prepared on February 29, 2016 for \$1,155.40.

When compared, both bids basically covered the same services and repairs.

The bid was awarded to Response Equipment Specialists as it was \$341.19 under the bid from Western States CAT.

There was discussion regarding lawn care for the 2016 season. There has been one bid received. This bid remains sealed as Mark Carlson indicated that there was a possibility there might be another bid coming in. This matter was tabled until the 2nd bid is received.

Mark Carlson is going to check with Dave Blazdale (406) 250-7169 regarding replacing the abutments protecting the bay doors. The rotting wood ones all need to be replaced.

Mark Carlson and Bert May are going to contact contractors regarding surfacing the drive-way and parking area for the South Station. Mark will look into paving with concrete and Bert will check out asphalt. Matter tabled until information is obtained.

Roger Bergstrom had contacted Bill La Brie with an observation he made while plowing the drive-way last winter. Roger observed snow hitting the lower portions of the metal of the bay doors, melting and the water running off and pooling within about 1-2 feet of the doors. This water then became ice. The Board members examined the doors and will investigate if the problem can be corrected. Obvious there is heat loss in this area.

The Board approved paying the tuition fees at the FSTS 2016 Staff and Command Seminar in Great Falls for Mark Carlson to be held on April 9 & 10, 2016. Several members of the Whitefish Fire Department are also going to attend.

There was discussion as a result of a meeting attended by Ed Lieser with the Lion Mountain Homeowners Association. Ed informed the Board that the Homeowners are investigating the possibility of erecting a pole building in their area for the purpose of housing a Fire Tender that they want to purchase. The Board and the Fire Chief volunteered some questions and further ideas that Ed will take back to the Homeowners. Fire Chief Page indicated that he does have a fire engine with a 1500 gallon tank that could be housed there. There is much merit with this proposal however, there are some issues that need to be addressed. Doug Loy expressed serious concerns about this proposal. This matter will continue to be an open topic in months to come.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

William J. La Brie, Secretary
Whitefish Fire Service Area