

**MINUTES**  
**of**  
**Board of Trustee Meeting**  
**WHITEFISH FIRE SERVICE AREA**

September 6, 2016  
Whitefish Fire Department South Station

**CALL TO ORDER**

On September 6, 2016, 7:00 PM, Chairman Bert May called the Meeting to order. Present were, Treasurer Doug Loy; Secretary Bill La Brie and Board Member Mark Carlson. Vice-Chairman Ed Lieser was absent.

The Board Meeting Minutes for August 17, 2016 were reviewed. The minutes were unanimously approved. The Minutes will be forwarded to the Flathead Election Administrator for their records.

May reported that after he and Loy had changed their minds about capping the sprinkler system and removing 3 sprinkler heads he talked with Jarrod O'Dell at T-Bend and explained that we wanted to change the location of the asphalt in that particular area. Jarrod agreed, noting the change. May indicated that he did not have a firm date when T-Bend would begin their work.

Loy informed the Board that Paul the Plumber, (aka Paul Pierce) had completed the task in the Station. Loy is waiting for an invoice from Paul.

May reported that he had made contact with Culligan and that they will include the Station on a service schedule for delivering salt.

Mark Carlson reported that he has been working on removing the current existing bullards and has cut the Sona Tubes in preparation for concrete to be delivered when available.

La Brie informed the Board that Insurance for the Station will be coming up soon. He suggested that we invite Mike Grachek our Insurance Agent to the next meeting to discuss the current Policy and any possible changes. The Board agreed. La Brie will make contact with Mike Grachek and invite him to the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Loy suggested that the Board start making plans for any future changes in the WFSA. He noted that in past meetings with the City Manager, the City Manager indicated that if and when the City of Whitefish population reaches 10,000 inhabitants, that the City might elect to not sign a contract with the WFSA severing service to the WFSA. Loy stated that "all potential options" must be considered and contingency plans formulated. Loy suggested that the Board discuss this situation at all future meetings.

Doug Loy also informed the Board that he had not yet received any confirmation from the County Treasurer regarding our Budget.

Bert May indicated that he had talked with Ed Lieser regarding a proposal from the Lion Mountain Home Owners Association. They want to donate a parcel of property to the WFSA Board for the purpose of erecting a garage that would be used for the parking of a Fire Engine. The HOA also wants the WFSA to cover half the cost of the construction of the building. Lieser indicated to Loy that there would be volunteers in the HOA that could respond and drive the Fire Engine. The WFSA Board tabled this proposal until much more research and discussion could be done. A question to be answered is “would the City of Whitefish reimburse the WFSA when the City annexes Lion Mountain”. Another question is would the Fire Department allow untrained and non-volunteers to drive any equipment? Would the HOA members join the Whitefish Fire Department and complete all the training required to be Volunteer Firefighters? There is much to be done on this issue.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

William J. La Brie, Secretary