

MINUTES
of
Board of Trustee Meeting
WHITEFISH FIRE SERVICE AREA

February 15, 2017
Whitefish Fire Department South Station

CALL TO ORDER

On February 15, 2017, 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. Also present at the meeting was Fire Chief Joe Page and Mr. Don Ricketts.

Mr. Ricketts was in attendance to inquire about the procedure necessary to request annexation of his property located at 25 North Pinnacle, Kalispell, 59901, phone number (406) 755-2525. Mr. Ricketts explained that he boards other properties that already are part of the WFSA. Mr. Ricketts indicated that he had nineteen (19) other property owners that wanted to Petition for Annexation to the Whitefish Fire Service Area. Mr. Ricketts was given the appropriate paperwork that he must fill out and present to the Whitefish Fire Department as the first step in the application process. Mr. Sutton was appreciative and left.

The Board Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2017 were reviewed. Mark Carlson moved and Doug Loy seconded that the Minutes be approved. The minutes were unanimously approved. The Minutes will be forwarded to the Flathead Election Administrator for their records.

Fire Chief Joe Page presented the Public Protection Classification Summary Report as prepared by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) 1000 Bishop's Gate Blvd., Suite 300, P.O. Box 5404, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, 08054-5404. The report was created in January 2017 and will be effective May 1, 2017.

The report basically set the ISO for the Whitefish Fire Department and WFSA at 5/10 for both the City and the WFSA. The City's rating went from 4/10 to 5/10 where as the WFSA went from a 6/10 to a 5/10. The results of the report reflected that the Whitefish Fire Department does not have a Ladder Truck the can utilize a "master stream" and does not have manpower to provide twelve (12) Firefighters on scene.

Doug Loy reported that he will be "out of state" for a couple weeks during the later part of February and early March. He will be available by phone and will be home for the March meeting.

Chairman May and Secretary La Brie will attend the District Board Financial Training Conference with the County on February 28, 2017 in place of Treasurer Doug Loy.

Board Member Carlson expressed concerns that Board Member Ed Lieser was again absent from the Monthly Board Meeting. A check of records disclosed that he had not attended a meeting since a Special Meeting called on March 31, 2016. The total number of absences from meetings is ten (10). It is unknown if Ed has filed for re-election in 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

William J. La Brie, Secretary