

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

March 15, 2017  
Whitefish Fire Department South Station

**CALL TO ORDER**

On March 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 Retired Whitefish Firefighter Tom Kraus.

Upon review of the February Monthly Meeting Minutes, Mark Carlson discovered an error which was immediately corrected. Carlson then moved and Doug Loy seconded that the Minutes be approved as corrected. The motion was approved unanimously. The Minutes will be forwarded to the Flathead Election Administrator for their records.

The board reviewed paperwork submitted by Whitefish City Clerk Michelle Howke and Whitefish Fire Chief Joe Page regarding the annexation request submitted by Don Ricketts and his neighbors on North Pinnacle Road. The paperwork included a Whitefish City Council Meeting Minutes dated March 6, 2017 in which the Council approved the Annexation Request submitted by those living on Pinnacle Road.

The Board then reviewed and approved a letter prepared by Secretary La Brie to the Flathead County Commissioners also approving the Annexation of the Pinnacle Property into the Whitefish Fire Service Area. The letter was signed by Chairman May and Secretary La Brie. La Brie was directed to mail the letter and attached documents to the Flathead County Commissioners.

There was discussion regarding the need for a lawn sprinkler system service person to find and repair several leaks that were discovered late last Fall by Chairman May and Treasure Loy.

There was discussion regarding the need to hire someone for the lawn care of the South Station.

There was discussion regarding contacting "Overhead Doors" and get advice and an estimate to insulate the Overhead Doors of the Equipment Bay as suggested by the Winter Snow Removal contractor, Roger Bergstrom. Roger maintains that heat from inside the Station is radiating through the lower portion of the Overhead doors resulting in snow melt followed by freezing conditions which result in ice buildup in front of the doors causing hazardous walking condition. Roger has fallen a couple of times, once witnessed by members of the Fire Department.

Chairman May and Secretary La Brie reported that they attended the Special District Finance Training sponsored by Flathead County on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Both reported that the Training was well done and very informative.

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.

After some discussion regarding the Station's Water Softener, it was decided that Chairman May would contact Culligan and cancel the Service Agreement. Board members decided that with the little use at this time, any salt that needed to be added to the Water Softner could be taken care of by a Board member.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

William J. La Brie, Secretary  
Whitefish Fire Service Area