

MINUTES 9/20/22  
Whitefish Fire Service Area Trustees Meeting  
Fire Station #22

Call to Order: 6:09pm

Attendance

- Trustees: Molly Miller, Ed McGrew, George Losleben, Dave Kauffman (Tom Moran, by phone)
- Guests: Mike Frost, John Van Denburg, Joe Perry

Public Comment: Mike Frost offered his support, discussed assessing undeveloped land, and expressed approval for utilizing Station 22 to become a fully operational station

Approval of [8/16/22 Minutes](#)

- Motion submitted and approved

Welcome New Trustees

- Tom Moran
- Dave Kauffman

Treasurer's Report

- #2967, \$121.00, FEC; #2968, \$16.35, NWE; #2969, 500.00, Big Drift; Ben Forman, \$500.00, Lawn Care
- 2022 Budget Adoption resolution
  - Deferred until correction can be made with the County
- Fees on undeveloped land for WFSA members
  - Supported under annotated code 7-33-2404
  - County attorney advises no other legal requirements
  - County Supervisors need to approve with other fee requests
  - May not be cost effective for parcels smaller than 100 acres
    - County GIS office can filter data to provide that info

CMU Project

- Update on kickoff meeting
  - Tom shared the presentation he gave in Pittsburgh with the Board, along with supporting documents
  - A lively discussion ensued
- Next steps
  - Beta test October 15
  - Live test mid-November; requires Internet access so may need to be held at Station 21

### Three-Year [Plan](#)

- Discussion and vote
  - Discussed Fire Authority vs. Fire District as a means of moving to mill-levy tax basis
  - Vote was unanimous to approve the Plan

### Fire Authority Legislation update

- Status and next steps
  - No apparent barriers to legislation
  - Ed to set up meeting with Matt Regier when he returns

### Station 22 Residential Station Design RFQ Status

- Where we stand
  - Joe Perry will add the [RFQ](#) to our website and will place in local papers
  - RFQs due November 15
- Chief Page's [Firehall Wish List](#) and other requests
  - Members questioned some items
  - Ed requested more time to review

### 3-Year Plan Committees

- Recommendations for potential committee members
  - Finance Committee
    - Types of volunteers could be accountants, bankers, grant writers, brokers
    - Tom Moran and George Losleben to be WFSA representatives
  - Outreach Committee
    - Types of volunteers could be community leaders, marketing/PR professionals, web experts
    - John Van Denburgh approved as one volunteer for this committee
    - Molly Miller to be WFSA representative
  - Logistics Committee
    - Station 22 Logistics
      - Types of volunteers could be building contractors, engineers, firefighters/first responders, local neighbors, community leaders, contract attorneys
      - Ed McGrew to be WFSA representative
    - Future Stations Logistics
      - Types of volunteers could be realtors, real estate attorneys, community leaders
      - Mike Frost approved as one volunteer for this committee
      - Tom Moran to be WFSA representative
- Committee guidelines
  - Ad hoc
  - Advisory
  - Led by Trustee

- Committee members other than WFSA Trustees need not live in the WFSA

#### Grants

- Whitefish Community Foundation Major Community Project Grant
  - Requires 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, so not available to WFSA
- FEMA guidelines available 10/22

#### Fire Tower Updates

- Tom Moran added closures to secure the facility and submitted a reimbursement request

#### Administrative Business

- Montana Fire Trustees Conference
  - Molly Miller and George Losleben attending
  - WFSA will become a member
- Gender neutral language for bylaws
  - Molly to pursue with County Supervisors
  - County attorneys do not need to be involved
- Roof bid status
  - This project no longer required because of larger Station 22 plans
- Electronic Stationery
  - Joe Perry provided samples
- Business Cards
  - No one was interested in having them

Adjournment: 7:15