

**Evergreen Fire District
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting**

Board Meeting Minutes

~~Special Board Meeting of April 17, 2017~~

Board members present: *Shawn Baker, Jack Fallon, Dave Edwards, Dave Adams*

Board members absent: *John Foust*

District Staff/Employees: *Craig Williams, Ben Covington, Josh Cox, Jackie Smith, Jared Pitcher and Kim Vierra*

Public Attendance:
(none)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Jack calls special meeting to order at 4:09 PM
Jack states that the primary reason for the special meeting is to talk about the newsletter and to discuss a levy timeline and pass resolution 2016-09.

Shawn moves to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Dave A.; motion passes unanimously

RECOGNIZE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:
(none)

PUBLIC COMMENT:
(none)

At this time, public may comment on any public matter that is not on the Agenda of the Meeting and that is within the jurisdiction of the District.

FINANCIALS:
None

PAST ITEMS/UPDATES:
None

NEW ITEMS/UPDATES:

1. **Newsletter Discussion**
The Board and staff agree that 3 newsletters will go out with the last one being sent in early October. All are in agreement that the current draft of the newsletter will be tweaked a little with a few things being changed or added.
The Board states that the Whitefish Fire Department model of wages, benefits and retirement package that was presented has a significant tax impact on the property owners of Evergreen.

Fire Chief, Craig Williams reminds that Board that the Whitefish model was never intended to represent what EFD would want from the residents of Evergreen and that it was purely representative of the numbers Board members wanted to see for a "high end" representation of numbers. The Board states that one of two ideas would need to be revisited to develop a new set of numbers for the Board to review. One idea is to reduce the costs of the wage, benefit and retirement package to make it more palatable or another idea is to show what can be created with revenues that are generated by reasonable average assessments i.e.; \$50, \$100 or \$150 assessments.

2. Levy Timeline Discussion

Because the existing levy sunsets June 30th, 2019, the Board and EFD staff are in agreement that the Fall of 2018 would be the best time to run the levy for the reason being that the elementary and the high school districts are going to be running operational levies next Spring and will not be small proposals. There'll be general elections but a mail ballot election would be separate from those elections. It's agreed that the levy would need to be run in September or early October at the latest. This would still leave the Spring and early Summer to back again in 2019 but would have to be done by August 1st, 2019 to get on tax rolls. The timeline for when the levy would actually occur is to be continued and the Board has requested that the demographics be brought into it and is to include age groups, per capita incomes and property values.

RESOLUTIONS:

2016-09 A Resolution Approving Transfer of \$55,000.00 from Fund # 9428 to Fund #7204

Shawn moves to pass Resolution 2016-09 which approves the transfer of \$55,000.00 from fund 9428 to fund 7204; seconded by Dave Adams; passes unanimously.

PROPOSALS:

None

CHIEF'S REPORT:

None

Jack adjourn the meeting at 5:46 PM

The President of the Board of Trustees, as presiding officer of any meeting of the Board of Trustees, may close the meeting during the time the discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy; and, then, if, and only if, the presiding officer determines that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. The right of individual privacy may be waived by the individual about whom the discussion pertains; and, in that event, the meeting must be open.

Submitted by: _____

Secretary

Signed by: _____

Jack Fallon- Chairman

