

**WHITEFISH FIRE SERVICE AREA**

Board Meeting Minutes

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Station 22, 1345 Hodgson Road, Whitefish, Montana

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Kauffman

Guests: Eddie Smith, Madelyn Russell, Scott Russell, Warren Fortenberry, Joe Perry, Chief Hadley, City Manager Smith

Approve meeting minutes:

March 19, 2024, Board Meeting, Motion to approve by Carlson, second by McGrew, motion carried.

April 9, 2024, Planning Meeting, Motion to approve by Dyon, second by Carlson, motion carried.

Approve April 16, 2024, Agenda, Motion to approve by Carlson, second by McGrew, motion carried.

Public Comments for non-agenda items: No Public Comment.

Discussion on Engine Purchase moved up on agenda. City Manager Smith provided information on the city's' proposal to amend the current fire protection contract (attached). The board and city manager reviewed and discussed the new document. The new contract holds the annual rate increase at 4% through 2036.

Motion made by Carlson to approve the spending \$700,000 for a new fire engine. Seconded by McGrew, motion carried. Concerning the engine purchase:

1. Haas to seek approval from the county to make the purchase.
2. Chief Hadley to prepare the bid narrative.
3. City Manager Smith to seek city council approval.
4. Haas to prepare additional documents for the May 21 board meeting.

Moran\Haas: Treasurer Report/Communications

County Fund Balances

	Open	Debit	Credit	End
7220	432,448.26	5,531.27	(10,043.41)	437,926.32
7230	893,683.18	2,611.91		899,295.09 (Capital Account)

## Accounts Payable

FEC	88.00
NWE	413.14
Big Drift	500.00
DC Haas	5833.00
FC GIS	39.00
Snow Plowing	385.00

### Ongoing Business:

- 1) Update to Bylaws, first edit read through.
  - a. Board went to Executive Session to discuss trustee issues.
  - b. Several housekeep items were identified to edit/delete.
  - c. Article II, add Section 9: With just cause, the trustees may remove a trustee by a majority vote.
  - d. Article III, add Section 10: Public comment is limited to three minutes per person with no shared time.
  - e. Haas to prepare a working draft for Deputy County Attorney review.
- 2) Subdivision review model. WFSA will follow WFD. WFSA will comment if prompted by WFD.
- 3) Mission Statement. WFSA will continue to use the statement posted on our web page.

### Haas: Executive Director Report

Update on Commissioner Hearing. Commissioner packet sent in last week. Currently waiting for a hearing date.

Next planning meeting to be scheduled after rate increase hearing.

Public comments on agenda items: No comments

Next Board Meeting: May 21, 2024

Motion to Adjourn made by Carlson, seconded by McGrew. Motion carried.

/s/ DC Haas, Executive Director

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