



WHITESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT



Fire Board Meeting – Minutes

May 16, 2017

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Fire Board President Clinton Bohm.

Roll Call

Present – Clinton Bohm (President), Jim Baldwin (Vice President), Josh Myers, Quincy Cunningham

Not Present – Kyle Anderson, Gary Deater

Approval of Agenda

Chief Westrich requested to add roof repairs to Station 71 on the agenda. Motion made by C. Bohm to add the discussion item to the end of new business; second by J. Baldwin; Vote 4-0, motion carried. Motion made by C. Bohm to approve the agenda as amended; second by J. Baldwin; Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Motion made by J. Baldwin to approve March meeting minutes as presented; second by J. Myers; Vote 4-0, motion carried.

Presentations

N/A

Statistics and Updates

Chief Westrich gave an overview of April statistics for Runs, Training, Pub Ed/PR, etc. It was reported that WFD had 68 runs during April resulting in a total of 223 runs for 2017. It was reported that WFD has billed approximately \$42,000 due to EMS service. WFD participated in the FDIC conference in Indianapolis. The department helped provide service and equipment to the conference, and WFD employees were allowed to attend the conference free of charge. Chief Westrich reported that the fire marshal has been very busy with inspections. WFD Firefighter Experience is a new community outreach event where the department will be going out in the community this summer. It was also reported the new full-time firefighter recruits started this week, and a graduation ceremony is anticipated to be held on June 16.

Unfinished Business

-Discussion/Consideration of Fire Gear Lease Purchase – The department is looking to start a five year rotational lease on 40 sets of fire gear, which would be an approximate cost of \$90,000. Chief Westrich is seeking recommendation from the board to proceed with leasing the equipment from Five Alarm. The fire board held discussion on the overall cost and the best strategy for purchasing, whether through lease or outright purchase. The board discussed the possibility of purchasing a smaller number of fire gear sets as opposed to leasing all 40 sets and making lease payments over a number years. This item was held for further discussion.

New Business

-Certification of Executive Session – An executive session was held at 6:00 p.m. on May 16 to discuss the hiring process. Motion made by C. Bohm to certify the executive session; second by Q. Cunningham; Vote 4-0, motion



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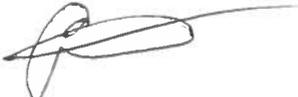


Other Business

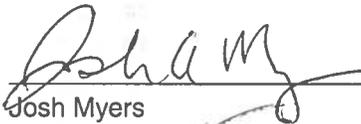
-Station/Headquarters Update – Chief Westrich reported on the plans for a new fire station and headquarters. Questions remain with land acquisition, but talks are still ongoing.

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by J. Baldwin; second by J. Myers; Vote 4-0, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Clinton Bohm (President)

Jim Baldwin (Vice President)

Josh Myers

Kyle Anderson

Quincy Cunningham