

Regular meeting of West End Fire Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:05 pm on August 11, 2022.

Board members present: Frank Magee, Brooke Lincoln, Richard Medley, John Carpenter  
Fire Dept. present: Donna Richter, Randy Friley, Randy and Mary Bridges arrived later.  
Public present: Dwayne

Dwayne was here to make a presentation from Energy Partners regarding our propane service. \$1.849 is their proposed price for us. If the price goes lower, we get the lower rate, if the price goes up, our max price is \$1.849. No pre-buy necessary or commitment to minimum purchase. Tank lease is \$5.00/year. Firefighters would get \$1.99/gallon. Tank rent would be \$120.00.

Minutes were read. Motion to accept made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried.

Treasurer's report was presented: Motion to accept made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried.

Chief's Report: Department has responded to two calls to remove dead animals from the freeway. We feel this is not our job, it is DOT. Frank will contact Slocum to address this. Also, could be convenience for dispatchers to call West End instead of DOT. Sheriff may need to be contacted. Flagging for tow companies: Frank will talk to each one individually. Saltese crash truck is ready to go. We traded some surplus parts to Shawn Cielke for his labor to get it done. Just need to talk to Clark about finishing the striping. Slide-out bed for crash truck. Brooke suggested we let the crew function with the vehicle for awhile to see how they adapt. Tabled for now. Engine 2, remote cannon working again. Well valve is fixed. We had purchased a new valve that was not used, keep as spare. Jaws of Life motor: Still working on it. Motion to buy parts for motor made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried. St. Regis and West End are trying to set up 4 joint trainings per year to build teamwork. Frank has met with Jerry to try to resolve the conflict between departments. Agreement was made but the same situation occurred the next week. As Chief, Frank will take every call as it develops. Signs and flags are ordered.

Old Business: Open house: Flyers are everywhere. Brooke has kid stuff ordered. Ask Forest Service to come and speak about fuel mitigation. Donna is building trophies. New computers: Tabled. We were denied our grant request with Northwestern Energy for a new generator. Possibly talk to the two contractors out of Kalispell. Ambulance shed is getting a new one, talk to Pat.

New Business: Brooke will re-do chipper contract. Donna needs 12-18" cones for the QRU. Brooke will get them. Also, will order 3 sets of spotlights and check on vests. Fire Department has voted Dick Hughes out and elected Frank Magee as Fire Chief. Motion for Board to ratify this decision made by Brooke, seconded by Richard, carried. Board members need to review the SAFER grant and let Frank know if they have any amendments need to be made so he can submit them all at once. Donna suggested we require people to make a certain time commitment to the Department if we pay for their EMT classes.

Motion to adjourn made by Brooke, seconded by John, carried at 8:46 pm.

Next meeting September 8, 2022.