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the 16 paid firefighters. Access a link to the approved 2018 DWFPD budget at <http://wescottfire.org/board-of-directors-2/budget>.

Budget draft availability questioned

During the opening public comment session, resident Gary Rusnak questioned the lack of public access to the DWFPD 2018 budget draft. Rusnak pointed out that "last year we were able to provide it [the budget] to the public and we had discussions during the timeframe, now we have an agenda where we're limited to comments before and comments after, so I have to assume that the public's not allowed to make any comments during the bud-

get review. My question is, 'Will we be provided a copy before your discussion or only afterwards?'" Board President Greg Gent stated, "We only provide those to the public after they've been approved." Rusnak continued, "But we have no opportunity to comment on that draft, is that correct, since we don't get a copy until after you've approved?" Burns confirmed, "I believe that's correct; it's a working document still."

Resident Dennis Feltz commented after the meeting that the Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District (TLMFPD) made its 2018 draft budget available. See www.tlmfire.org/board, 2017 NOV 15 Agenda/Minutes or 2017 OCT 25 Agenda/Minutes. See also <https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/>

[files/images/olls/crs2016-title-32.pdf](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/images/olls/crs2016-title-32.pdf).

2018 resolutions approved

The board approved resolutions to:

- Appropriate sums of money to the various funds and spending agencies for the district and northern sub-district, for the 2018 budget year: General Fund of \$1.334 million (district) and \$1.466 million (northern sub-district), (beginning) fund balance of \$1.488 million, a Special Ownership Tax of \$75,000, Miscellaneous Income of \$108,822 and Total Revenue of \$3.006 million. Note: \$622,805 of the 7 mills levied will be paid by the City of Colorado Springs to Wescott at the end of 2018. Therefore, when the funding is received it is added to the reserve and not budgeted as revenue.
- Certify tax levies against the district's net assessed valuation of \$191.6 million at 7 mills (generating property tax revenue of \$1.334 million) and the northern sub-district's net assessed valuation of \$98.372 million at 14.9 mills (generating total property tax revenue of \$1.466 million).
- Appoint a designated election official (DEO) to exercise the authority of the board in conducting the 2018 election. The board named Administrative Assistant Stacey Popovich as the DEO for the regular special district election scheduled for May 8, 2018.

District meeting dates for 2018

Gent reported that the DWFPD board meetings for 2018 will usually be held on the third Tuesday of every month. Because Wescott is separated into a district and sub-district, there is an ob-

ligation to announce at all board meetings that the meeting is open to the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District and Donald Wescott Fire Protection Northern Sub-District or to schedule two special meetings specific to the northern sub-district in the same manner as the pension meetings.

The meeting dates cited by Gent included: Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 20 (northern sub-district meeting), April 17 (pension meeting at 6:30), May 15, June 20, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18 (pension meeting at 6:30), Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 4 (northern sub-district meeting).

Administrative and other matters

Popovich reported that Wescott's funds total \$1.66 million. The board approved the November minutes without revision or correction. Assistant Chief Scott Ridings announced that the November run report would be combined with the December statistics in the January 2018 report to highlight year-end activities. Lt. Bryan Ackerman stated that volunteers had undergone agility tests the previous week and were scheduled to be interviewed in December. Ackerman anticipated bringing on three to five new volunteers in January.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next DWFPD Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Drive. Please call (719) 488-8680, a non-emergency number, for more information, or visit www.wescottfire.org. Wescott is also on Facebook and Twitter.

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