

# MINUTES

## THE CITY-COUNTY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW FIRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 7, 2023 @ 5:30 P.M. – BUSINESS CENTER – ROOM 201 (ACROSS FROM FIRE ST 1)

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- Meeting called to order at 5:30 P.M. by John Sorich

### 2. Roll call via Sign-in Sheet:

- **Member Present:**

John Sorich, BSB Commissioner, Chairperson  
Jerry Brothers, Home Atherton VFD  
Lee Sullivan, BSB Career Fire Dept.  
Joel Worth, Boulevard VFD  
George Stone, Terra Verde VFD

Chad Silk, BSB Career Fire Dept.  
Dan Callahan, BSB Commissioner  
Chis Mjelde, BSB Career Fire Dept.

- **Member Absent:**

Justine Fortune, BSB Commissioner

- **Guest Present:**

Zach Osborne, Fire Chief  
Chris Schalk, Melrose VFD  
Riley Hash, BSB Career Fire Dept.

### 3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Chris Mjelde to approve the Minutes for January 3, 2023, meeting. George Stone seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.
  - The January 3, 2023, minutes were unanimously approved.

### 4. Public Comment on any Item on the Agenda

- None

### 5. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

- February 6, 2023 (FY2023 Report) balance in the TIFID Fund is \$231,504.20 currently. Once those approved 8 radios from 5/3/22 are received and paid for, the balance of the TIFID Fund will approximately be \$199,504.20.

### 6. Review and Discuss:

#### VFD Radio Update:

- Jerry Brothers stated, "They still have not been received, we have sent several messages to Dunne and have not received anything back. Dunne has sent two emails to Kenwood, not Kenwood but the distributor and still no word of when we will get them. Dave McPherson said at the last meeting he would try and get ahold of Dunne. So, right now we don't know."
- John Sorich stated, "Is there any other vendors or are they all the same?"

- Jerry Brothers stated, “There is other vendors, but the prices would be different, because we were quoted for the radios at a lower price. The prices on the radios went up 11% effective February 1<sup>st</sup>.”
- John Sorich stated, “Hurry up and wait.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “That is all we can do on that one.”

### **VFD IT Committee Update:**

- Jerry Brothers stated, “We have it set up to have a demonstration from eDispatch on February 15, 2023, and I am working with IamResponding to see if they can do it the same day. After some of the comments and all of that, I do have four of the VFD Chiefs coming to that. So, it is a little more diverse, it wasn’t so much that I was trying to keep it real tight, it was more trying to get someone to come to a meeting. It will be a zoom type of deal and we are doing it at the Training Center, and I am sending out invites to all the volunteer members that want to come to it. I will have a better report next month meeting.”

### **Training Updates:**

- Chad Silk stated, “We did a training in January. What I am going to do is basically update the call volume report with a different format and I will start bringing a training report every month as well and add it to the agenda like the call volume report. I think we had Boulevard, Race Track, Home Atherton, Big Butte and Melrose. George (Terra Verde) was going to come, that was the night of the big snowstorm. It seems like it is getting a little bit better, there were some departments there that haven’t been there the last couple of times and hopefully will continue to show up. We just went over some SCBA quick mask up drills, kind of what we do when one of our tech’s go over the anatomy of the SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses), our RIT pack (Rapid Intervention Team) and what everyone can expect what we are going to do or our plan if a situation like that arises. Then we moved into quick drill with masking up and went to savage and overhaul. This next month, I am hoping to build off not only that, but on February 11, I believe Jeppson is coming in on Saturday and talking about offensive and defensive attack, coordination, and communications. So, we will go over just moving line and have the volunteers plug in with us and show them how they can be helping us. Also, have part of Firefighter 1 incorporated into the training, I have the schedule now, Grady sent me the schedule so we will try it. Number 1, not only do it on the days you are scheduled for that , but 2, try to make it Butte Silver Bow specific whatever Jeppson is going to bring up and teach you guys, so, that is kind of nice. We will plan on that for February, I will send an email out tomorrow, I was going to send out today, but I didn’t have the group emails on my desktop the other day, so I send it out tomorrow with the date and time when that is going to happen.”
- John Sorich stated, “Am I understanding it correctly, you’re going to have a schedule on digital format?”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, it is on my desktop now.”
- John Sorich stated, “Can you add that on the BSB Fire Dept. Facebook page, I believe they have a Facebook page?”
- Chad Silk stated, “They do have a Facebook page, I think we should hold off on that for a bit, just because I think we should give it some more time and create more buy in, so we don’t upset anyone if they see they have nothing marked for being at the training. But at least we will know and have some record of it. All it is, is it goes through the months, and it has the description of what we trained on.”
- John Sorich stated, “Oh, so it is not a schedule of what is going to be next.”
- Chad Silk stated, “No, it is report who made it, who completed the training. They have the schedule for Jeppson.”

- George Stone stated, “Firefighter 1 training is all scheduled, it’s usually every other Thursday’s night and Saturdays.”

### **Call Volume Report:**

- Diane Evankovich stated, “2022 report just needs Centerville’s reporting, 2022 & 2023 Call Reporting provide for review.”

### **Requested information to be collected:**

- **(VFD to provide legal description of fire districts and any updated maps)**

- John Sorich stated, “Did everyone receive the email I sent out on 1/29/23, stating Lee is requesting for accuracy that each Volunteer department provide him with a legal description of their respective fire department boundaries asap?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Basically trying to do this is almost impossible, so what we did is talk to the tax basing and that and basically it is the same as the trustee’s map. They have it up in the courthouse in GIS.”
- John Sorich stated, “Okay, you will be able to provide that Jerry?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I don’t know, I mean they have got it right there at the Courthouse.”
- George Stone stated, “They actually have the whole GIS overlay so, I assume we can up the whole GIS on the CAD system, right.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “Yes, one of the maps we have had in the past for GIS it is just a printed map, it will have to be digital.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “In the charter it has got like 3 pages of longitudes and latitudes, but it doesn’t make any sense to me.”
- Chad Silk stated, “That is what you need to give to GIS is the legal description. I imagine the consolidation of BSB county, it will be able to pinpoint all that stuff.”
- George Stone stated, “I think it is all out there on a map.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I have the map in my van, if you want to see it, it is the one we all go by. It has all the different districts in it.”
- George Stone stated, “That is all on GIS too.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Does that have the legal description of?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “No, it is just a map.”
- George Stone stated, “It has the coordinates I guess.”
- Chad Silk stated, “We will have to go from whatever you have.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “We really just have the map, the accessors office are the ones that have all of the legal descriptions, because it ties in with the trustees which is state run.”
- John Sorich stated, “Lee you kind of wanted to get this going soon?”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “CAD goes live March 27<sup>th</sup>, obviously we would go with what we have, until we can figure things out, the sooner the better. GIS has better things to do than just fire district maps. The more we can be on board and have it ready, would be key to make this system work.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Like one of the things we have talked about is Floral Park, last meeting I am pretty sure they go over the interstate, if they do, they should get credit on that map. We just don’t want to go on a map that someone has, we want the correct legal boundaries to make sure that everyone is getting their slice of the pie going over the interstate. So, specifically.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “From what I have been told we (Home Atherton) have to the interstate, and they (Floral Park) have the other side of the interstate.”
- Chad Silk stated, “We just need to get a legal description of that boundary that was created when the districts were formed, and GIS can enter it.”

- George Stone stated, “Some of the problem with that is a little bit is, things have changed a lot since all the original stuff was done. So now it is kind of spread out because there were not any houses on when it was 1977 or even prior to that. That is when most of the districts were formed. So, we came up with another map basically that spreads out to the county boundaries for the various districts.”
- Chad Silk stated, “It will take a while, that stuff has not been revealed for years. Will continue to dive into it. Will you be able to have updated information for the next meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>, that will give you 20 days.”
- John Sorich stated, “Have you received any information from any other departments?”
- Diane Evankovich stated, “Information on the maps, no.”
- John Sorich stated, “I did send an email to the Chief’s and asked for a legal description of their district, did you get any replies.”
- Diane Evankovich stated, “No, but Lee just wanted whatever they had, so it would help them out.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “All we have is just the map.”
- John Sorich stated, “I sent the email out so everyone is aware of what is happening, so they can’t say we did this without their input.”
- George Stone stated, “Are we going to have additional input on it as far as...”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “The response plans? I believe so.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, but that was the plan, the plan was to get the district boundaries for GIS so when a call comes into 911, they can click in the pink area and then we would know who and what to send in that area. That is why we needed to get the district boundaries prior to formulating the response plan of that area. Because like the zone 1,2, and 3, we can figure out what is what and what responds to that zone 1, 2, or 3, was the plan or route we would take.”
- George Stone stated, “By zones you are talking about rings around the hydrated areas?”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, but there are hard corners and things like that. So, GIS doesn’t have to go back and recreate the response plan and adjust the district. The district should be set first, and the response plan should be according to that area or district.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I will bring that map in, if you can stay after the meeting. For instance, say south of Butte, once we get so far out it is connecting Terra Verde and Home Atherton.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, so the map I had on the power point, I bet we are talking about the same map.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Yes.”
- Chad Silk stated, “There are districts that were combined, that might have a response to it, that might not be the same as that map when we figure all that stuff out. On whose district it is and then what can respond to that area and things like that.
- George Stone stated, “That was prior, I think is what you are talking about is when Floral Park and Home Atherton are...”
- Chad Silk stated, “What I am thinking about is like Larkspur and those areas between you two and that has an area right. Is that Terra Verde’s area?”
- George Stone stated, “No.”
- Chad Silk stated, “What happens is: say there is just a fire call, grass is different than, structure is different than, vehicle fire. They are not all the same so, we need to know if it is yours, there will be more apparatus from your district going than anyone else’s district. If it is a large fire then we would accommodate to that, but that is why we need the districts themselves, is to give the department themselves credit for whatever response they are responding to.”
- George Stone stated, “What basically what happened, that I recall is that we kind of had our individual districts and some of those expanded out, but then there were big areas in-between that we did kind of as a combination district.”
- Chad Silk stated, “No, they are no one district right, they needed to be covered, is what you’re saying?”

- George Stone stated, “yes, well I think....”
- Chad Silk stated, “They might not be in either of your districts, but they need to be covered.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “The color would be like say there is an HR2, that would be Home Atherton and Terra Verde.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “That is way South.”
- George Stone stated, “I think they are the same ones you have.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, we are on the same page, but what I am saying is, when we build a response plan, if it is not either of yours then we come up together with a response plan to it. It is not your district or your district. It is a district that is not defined under your legal boundaries.”
- John Sorich stated, “Under mutual aid for everybody.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I just got to back up just two seconds, the CAD system works really well for a paid station that is manned 24 hours a day, part of the reason why, south of Butte and that, both of us are being called, cause at no time do you know that they are coming.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Oh, that’s not even CAD, that is any response.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I mean, that’s what is happening in the volunteer district. For instants, if he is the only one home (George Stone) at his house, out in Roosevelt Drive, it’s going to be ½ hour before he shows up, so you really can’t count him as, he is the only one we are going to send to that district.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, I know, it’s the same as the rural response plan, adjusting it, according to the boundaries that we have to get from you guys and how it implements into CAD on first alarm and second alarm, because that is a thing and that needs to happen, it does.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “The first and second alarm like I am saying, if that is in south of Butte, both of us should be on the first alarm.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I don’t need to be told, Jerry look, I am B/C of the career department and been involved in the fire services and volunteer for over 17 years, I know if there is a fire out there you need to get some more people, I get it. What I am saying is, we need to define your boundaries (Jerry) and your boundaries (George Stone) and see what that middle area is for GIS so when someone calls in that middle area, they get the proper response.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Yes, which would be both of us and the city first response.”
- Chad Silk stated, “On first alarm is truck specific, yes.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “That is why John sent out an email, that’s why we needed the legal language of the individual districts, so the right person or the right apparatus from the right department was going. That is where Chad is going here. So, it is a little frustrating we talked about it a month ago at Fire Advisory meeting and John sent out an email in between last Fire Advisory meeting and this Fire Advisory meeting to bring your legal description of your districts and no one brought anything.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “We don’t have it.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “You can go to the courthouse and get it Jerry, you just said that is where it is at.”
- George Stone stated, “It is all mapped out.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “It is right there on the map though, that we have been going with since 1977, that same map you have.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “But, I think there is some discrepancies when we talk about certain districts like Floral Park, we don’t know if that goes over the interstate, if it does, they are not even included in that section that is labeled HR2 under the volunteer departments.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “That is another good thing, have we come to a decision on whether Home Atherton and Floral Park can sister up now? I guess that would go to you Chief.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “I am sorry, what did you say?”
- Jerry Brother stated, “Are we going to be able to respond both Floral Park and Home Atherton now? When one of us gets a call in either district?”

- Zach Osborne stated, “The B/C on scene or Senior Captain on scene once they get on scene and they know that it is a call that is a working structure fire, they will call the opposite department, yes.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I would like to put in a formal request that any call in our district (Home Atherton) or Floral Park, both of us be dispatched, immediately.”
- Chad Silk stated, “To combine your districts?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “When there is a call in Floral Park, I want Floral Park called and Home Atherton.”
- Chad Silk stated, “So, the combining of those districts?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “We are not combining them, we are sistering up. If there is a call for either one both departments get called. That way we will have the men on scene quickly.”
- Chad Silk stated, “The thing I get nervous about Jerry, when we have things like that, is if, there is a call and you can’t go and it’s someone from Floral Park can’t go, then no one can go. Why shouldn’t I call Race Track or Boulevard when I headed down....”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “You can, when you are at the scene, you can.”
- Chad Silk stated, “On my way down.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “How long does it take you to get to a fire?”
- Chad Silk stated, “Jerry!”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Ok, 5 minutes, it takes me 5 minutes to get from my house to the fire department.”
- Chad Silk stated, “If you go.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “So, you won’t know if I am coming or not for that 5 minutes.”
- Chad Silk stated, “If you go, it would be nice for me as IC on shift that day to be able to call Race Track and Boulevard out to a structure fire and not worry about whether you are going to show up or Floral Park is going to show up.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “But, aren’t you now, calling out more than you need?”
- Chad Silk stated, “No, I am calling people who are going to show up. That participate in the trainings, that can help my guys on interior work of a structure fire, that are doing the mask up drill during our trainings. I want the guys who can help, Race Track and Boulevard. I want those guys that can help. Almost every structure fire that I have had since I have been a B/C, I have called out a volunteer.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “So, you are saying, there is two departments that you trust to go to a fire with you.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, interior, if that hurts someone’s feelings, I don’t know what to say. But I know who is participating in the trainings. I know who has asked for us to train before. I know who has asked for us to go down to there departments during their training nights. If that hurts people’s feelings about me feeling comfortable or my guys feeling comfortable with their own safety, I don’t care. This isn’t a popularity contest. You don’t....”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I understand exactly what you are saying, but I think you are digging a hole.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I don’t care if I am digging a hole for firefighter safety, I don’t care, I am sorry.”
- John Sorich stated, “We just need to get the boundaries.”
- Chris Mjelde stated, “We need a date set, we need the boundaries soon. CAD is six weeks out.”
- George Stone stated, “Can’t you get it...”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I am saying the volunteers are not going to do that.”
- Chad Silk stated, “You have to do CAD, it is Butte Silver Bow, it isn’t just the fire department it is the police department, A-1, Search & Rescue, etc.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “What is the director of Fire Service doing, why don’t he do this, he gets paid to do this and stuff.”
- Chad Silk stated, “What is he doing?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Yes.”

- Chad Silk stated, “They are the reason the system is being implemented.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Yes, but we are volunteers, we have jobs. Most of us have jobs when the Courthouse is opened.”
- Chad Silk stated, “That is why I said earlier that we would work on it, if you guys want us to get your district boundaries we will.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “And we do have the majority of them. But it was also a lot of people’s understanding that the board of Trustee’s under the by-laws, under this and that, that you guys had your legal documents. If it is too hard for you Jerry, to go up to the Courthouse, then we will go up there and do it for you. You said Chad was digging a hole! Jerry, you are flat out saying that you (Home Atherton) and Floral Park need to join, because you can’t respond. So, the Director of Fire Services, will go up to the Courthouse and do the job for your department. I have no problem doing that. Once we find a legal description of each department’s district, that is set. Then we will go in and adjust the CAD. So, what the Director of Fire Services does not need, is someone saying, well you’re going to dispatch us and us. No, we will work with you on how we develop the CAD system. So, the Director of Fire Services will go up to the Courthouse verify what Lee got and we will go from there. Are you good with that?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “That is fine.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “Okay.”
- John Sorich stated, “Let us move on to the next, Apparatus list with water that is carried, pump capacities, and riding seats.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, that was to help with the response, for when we build the response, we don’t know the pump capacities, or what we have is correct.”
- George Stone stated, “Don’t you have that documentation?”
- Chad Silk stated, “We should, but have some that are incorrect and if we had it from their own department who know their rigs the best. That would be the best thing to do that, to get an updated list of it from their own department. Like your engine, how much water does it have?”
- George Stone stated, “750.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Okay, we were not sure if 750 or 1,000. Then Walkerville, was one too, but after talking with Tom, but having all of that at this meeting would be good for this body to have. That goes along with building the response plan to. So, when we sit around and talk about how many trucks we should send or this or that. We will know the riding capacity, if they have SCBA’s in their rig, if they don’t, how much water they have for a quick dump, all the things that matter in a rural response. We do need that; did we get any information?”
- Diane Evankovich stated, “No, information was received.”
- George Stone stated, “I think that got glossed over from the big meeting last time.”
- Diane Evankovich stated, “It is requested on the agenda.”
- John Sorich stated, “When do you want them, yesterday?”
- Zach Osborne stated, “We needed them a couple of weeks ago, but as soon as possible, now would be the best.”
- George Stone stated, “Can’t you just send out what you have on file to everyone, and we could just say yay or nay? That would make it a lot easier for us. I think I have done it for you last year and said this is the correct information.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “That was for the actual inventory of the apparatus. I really wasn’t asking then about the capacity, just if it was the correct year, make and model. We could send what we have, and you could adjust.”
- George Stone stated, “That would be great and much appreciated. It would make it a lot easier for me anyway, probably everyone else to.”
- John Sorich stated, “Any other suggestions? So, the go live date is set for everyone.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “Yes.”

- George Stone stated, “We kind of got dragged along with all this stuff, radios and everything else.”
- John Sorich stated, “2023 Equipment & Training Fund Request Forms Received and/or guidelines to follow on requests. We talked about sending out the request and that we were going to put the forms out again.”
- Diane Evankovich stated, “The forms were emailed out and the due date is March 6, 2023.”
- John Sorich asked for a copy of the 2023 Equipment Request form.
- John Sorich stated, “We had some guidelines we were following last year, didn’t we?”
- Zach Osborne stated, “My only guideline last year really was the non-approval of wildland gear, because they get the DNRC Grant every year for wildland gear. This year they will get the Grant again and I tried for some Coop Funds, each department was able to put in a little list. I don’t know if we will be awarded those. Most departments sent a list to me. So, guideline for the TIFID was simple just no wildland stuff.”
- John Sorich stated, “Okay and you are going to follow the same dates, I guess, because typically it is in October.”
- Diane Evankovich stated, “The due date is March 6, 2023, the day before the next meeting.”
- George Stone stated, “We missed October, and we were going to short cycle it this year and get back on a regular schedule.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “All requests are due March 6, 2023, the day before our March meeting, correct? Then we will start discussing them.”
- John Sorich stated, “What happens if they are not delivered?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Everyone is still getting their requests, prices and getting everything done and when they said March 6<sup>th</sup>, that is the date everyone went with.”
- John Sorich stated, “Okay.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I reminded Diane, it was so that everyone would have a couple months so it would give people time to get request and prices.”
- John Sorich stated, “Jerry do you have Fire Council meeting between now and then?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Yes, I have it Thursday night.”
- John Sorich stated, “Would you remind everyone, please?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Yes.”
- John Sorich stated, “In the last meeting we did talk about using this room as the meeting room. Does this work for everyone?”
- George Stone stated, “It is more comfortable.”
- John Sorich stated, “It is better than the small one at the Courthouse.”
- George Stone stated, “This is off the subject. Where are we on the Study deal?”
- Zach Osborne stated, “Chief Executive Gallagher said he forgot for last weeks Council meeting, to put it on the agenda. So, he asked me to remind him, he must put it on the agenda by this Friday to be on next week. I will remind him and whether he thinks that is a good week to have on there is totally up to him. I don’t have a great answer for you.”
- George Stone stated, “I have another thing kind of related, on handheld radios. Something that bothers me, is my understanding is that A-1 got some money out of the same ARPA fund for radios for them and I am wondering why can’t we look at that, basically for the fire department? For the Volunteer’s and why wasn’t that looked at?”
- Zach Osborne stated, “I found that out after the fact, that A-1 put in an ARPA request and had been approved. I don’t know how much or what they even received from it.”
- John Sorich stated, “That was from ARPA Committee?”
- George Stone stated, “Yes, I don’t think we were even notified, some of them asked, Jerry and maybe Ed asked to let us know when those funds are available or when to bid or however the procedures is, and they were never notified when that happened. We probably would have tried to get some radios on that too. Maybe we still can, I don’t know.”



- Zach Osborne stated, “That is a good point, and I can definitely ask him about.”
- George Stone stated, “That would be great!”
- Zach Osborne stated, “I don’t know what is available or what is not available.”
- George Stone stated, “I heard they still have something like \$300,000 still out there.”
- Chad Silk stated, “It would be worth asking.”
- George Stone stated, “Like we talked about before, I think the radios are a big safety thing. That would provide importance for him, maybe.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “I can ask.”
- George Stone stated, “Thanks.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “I am not on that Committee, I don’t know exactly where they are at or what they have allocated.”
- John Sorich stated, “I believe on the Butte Silver Bow website it showed where a lot of that money was spent, I will have to look.”
- George Stone stated, “Yes, I just heard there were \$300,000 left, but I don’t know, I could be totally wrong.”
- John Sorich stated, “I don’t recall how everyone got notified.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “On ARPA stuff? We as Council, don’t get notified until it comes before us for approval.”
- John Sorich stated, “I mean as far as the money that has been awarded, how do people put in their....do you remember?”
- Dan Callahan stated, “I don’t know, there are certain categories you have to follow under bill and apply obviously, fire would be one of them if the study would be approved.”
- George Stone stated, “And basically EMS.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “And if they did the ambulance, it is basically the same thing it is radios.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I didn’t know until this meeting we had , that A-1 received it.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “It was in the paper and everything, that was the first round.”
- Chad Silk stated, “When did ARPA start?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Well this is the second, so a year before this last deal, that is when they received their money.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “I thought it was in 2022 sometime.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Late 2022 or early 2021.”
- John Sorich stated, “I don’t think the committee was formed at that time.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “The committee was formed by J.P.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Does anyone have questions on the Study, since the last meeting, hopefully we can answer anything else?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I do have one thing I would like to bring up, it seems like at the last meeting the biggest problem was communication all the way around. I would like to see if we could get internet into all the volunteer stations. I don’t know if it must be done in a budget type deal or if it could be done with the TIFID money or what? That would take a lot out of for instance he (George) must go house to get emails and all that type of stuff. ”
- Zach Osborne stated, “So, I can answer a little bit of that, and Diane can help me, because I have been trying to investigate that and find an answer. Home Atherton is the only one that has Spectrum. There are several other departments that are Century Link, and a couple of departments that are too far out to have Century Link. We couldn’t figure out other departments that may or may not have it. We have put in multiple IT tickets to find out answers with not much success. It sounds like all the departments had land line phones and now some do, and some don’t, it is a mess. When I did call Kathy Kenison to try to figure out why our IT tickets are taking so long. She basically said, there is a new internet company coming to town, I don’t know when, and what their plan is, is to have all government buildings under one umbrella, all government buildings have this one internet provider.

I don't know when that is happening. We put in IT tickets at least every other week. We have asked but not having a whole lot of luck getting an answers."

- Diane Evankovich stated, "We don't get a physical bill, it is on your budget line in the accounts payable stating what was paid for each department, just under Century Link, it doesn't tell us if internet is included."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That is why the volunteer departments received an email weeks ago asking what the departments get or pay for: example internet, garbage, water etc., that why the email was sent to see if we could receive an answer from the departments."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "You sent an email to the department? I didn't get that."
- Diane Evankovich stated, "Because it was emailed to the Chief's."
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Please anything you send to the Chief, cc me."
- Diane Evankovich stated, "Well, he answered."
- Zach Osborne stated, "He answers everything I send him. So, we are trying to figure it out."
- George Stone stated, "That is another option, I believe BSB is on T-Mobile now, basically you could do internet through them."
- John Sorich stated, "No one likes T-Mobile."
- Lee Sullivan stated, "T-Mobile had a rough go."
- Chad Silk stated, "George you called a couple weeks ago stating you were not going to make the training, like on a Thursday, I didn't get the message until like Tuesday."
- George Stone stated, "Oh, really!"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Is there any information I could try and get for you, like who has internet and who doesn't? Who has land line or not."
- Diane Evankovich stated, "Do you know?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Well I can get it."
- Diane Evankovich stated, "They pretty much answered for the most part, a couple didn't reply."
- Zach Osborne stated, "We will see our Budget and see that it is paid, we don't know the details of the bill and what it is paying for."
- Dan Callahan stated, "They don't do detail like she said, it is all bulk. Each individual department don't come up."
- John Sorich stated, "Sometimes you see each department, like garbage."
- Diane Evankovich stated, "Even the garbage for us with McGree's, we didn't know if the bill was just for one department or several. Zach called McGree's and they told him who the bill included, and it was several departments."
- George Stone stated, "Like ours, we do our own garbage, they don't service us."
- Chad Silk stated, "Is there any more questions on the Study?"
- Dan Callahan stated, "I just got one comment on the Study, I think we would have a much better chance of getting the Study through the Council, if you give it a couple of weeks and look at the ARPA money and get the radios. I think if we can get the radio thing figured out, the Study would be a breeze. It won't be a breeze but, Jim has already told us he is against the Studies. But for the most part, it would go a lot smoother if we could just look at that, see what we can do. I don't see a reason if we applied for it, that we would be denied. If they gave it to A-1, first thing they are going to say is, why are we paying for a study if we should be using it on some radios. So, I think we can investigate that and have a lot better chance on the Study. That is just my thought."
- Zach Osborne stated, "That just brings us back to where we were last year, trying to sort through multiple of the TIFID requests, of what is a good radio number? I still don't know."
- Dan Callahan stated, "Well, we still have departments that don't even have them in their trucks, we can't have that."
- Chad Silk stated, "A mobile radio in their truck?"

- Dan Callahan stated, “Well, one example, and we have had others, when Walkerville got called the Chief had the mobile and he grabbed the first truck, the next guy showed up and grabbed the tanker, they couldn’t communicate. They couldn’t communicate with you guys, they couldn’t communicate.”
- Chad Silk stated, “If they switched stations, they could have.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Well, if they switched stations, they could have but dispatch was not on that station. In fact, Ed told me dispatch doesn’t monitor that station.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Dispatch doesn’t monitor anything if they are too busy other than F2 primary.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Right, we understood that. But when this was approved, we were told those stations would be fine and would be monitored and everything should go smooth. Now we are finding out, it isn’t so.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I remember sitting in the Chief’s office trying to figure out how many we could afford with the last TIFID requests and then when there was not what we thought there wasn’t an urgency amounts of requests for radios, it kind of went away. But I remember sitting down with him and he was trying to figure out how many seats and how much it would cost. And they, all of a sudden, forgot about this and now the radios are now an issue. The radios were an issue a year ago to. But what I want to say, and I know Dan said the last meetings he would not have voted for it if he would known we didn’t have enough money for radios. But I can tell you, you voted yes, and every other commissioner voted yes, was the right choice, without a doubt.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Oh, without a doubt.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Because I have been on the old system when I was driving trucks and going interior, on mayday calls, people trapped inside, not even us but victims on victim removals and wasn’t even able to get out a communication. So, for these guys who are going interior all the time, this whole system is amazing! I don’t think we are in a mess; I think we are in growing pains.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “I agree.”
- Chad Silk stated, “So, I just want to make it clear that if the radios are a big deal now that there might be potential for ARPA. If the Chief investigates it. Or what is more important? A request that has 3 pairs of boots and gloves. Or is it the radio?”
- Dan Callahan stated, “I think they are going to tell you it is the radios.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Everyone knows that right! So, I think we are getting painted as we don’t care about the radios, we definitely do!”
- Dan Callahan stated, “I am not saying that.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I don’t know if it is just, you but, other people just read the minutes and don’t sit at the meetings and talk about it, or don’t talk to him about it, so, the radios are an issue and need to get fixed.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “You know when the budget wasn’t big enough for what we needed, but that doesn’t mean we can’t fix it. We got to do what we can to fix it, before we do run into big issues, or someone gets seriously hurt. We must avoid that.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Oh, believe me, the career department before the 800 came, we know better than anyone, beside the police, how important it was.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “What my point was, if I have known in advance that we didn’t have enough money to do it right, we would have said either put the right amount of money in it or we are not going that route.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Is there anyway the Commissioners can bring that up?”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Yes, we could.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I don’t want to speak for the Chief, but I can imagine this, saying hey higher ups, can we get more money for radios, no there is not enough money for radios.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Here is a suggestion, you request a budget every year, put in the budget a request for enough radios and we will sit down and figure out what enough radios are and the Chief

Executive and the other committee that meets and they ding this and ding that. But we as the Council, also have the authority to say no, we are going to fund that. Let's get you guys to request it. Let's try ARPA first."

- Zach Osborne stated, "Great points, if every riding seat for the volunteer departments need a radio it is over \$300,000.00. I tried it, I have tried it last year, no one could figure out a number."
- Dan Callahan stated, "right, I don't have an answer for you either."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I mean, I still don't have an idea, I mean Chad is not digging himself in a hole, they see it, it is hard to, safety is number 1, however it is hard to justify spending however much money on radios to put towards a few of the departments that run single digit. Now, I am not saying that means that they are not important departments but is there going to be fights between volunteer departments, if I say well, Boulevard runs the most calls, they get all these radios."
- Jerry Brothers stated, Boulevard has their radios."
- George Stone stated, "That was an example.
- Zach Osborne stated, "When someone else runs single digit calls, they got cancelled before they left the station on all but two, so they went on scene on two calls, okay so we tell them, no you guys don't get any radios and have a fight between the two of them?"
- Dan Callahan stated, "You can't do that, that guy would be the one to lose a life."
- Zach Osborne stated, "How do you figure out a fair number?"
- Dan Callahan stated, "How many had radios before we went to the new system?"
- Jerry Brothers stated, "Everyone."
- Dan Callahan stated, "So, how do you turn around and say they don't need radios? I am not saying we must go the same route, there is an example, of back in the day it was important enough they all had a radio. How do you turn around and cut it short. We still must do what is right."
- Zach Osborne stated, "I get you, back in the day, they were cheaper."
- Dan Callahan stated, "We as Councilmen have the authority, because we do the budget, to turn around and say we feel this is important. If I say it is important, there is 11 others that can say it is not important, it could be denied."
- John Sorich stated, "I don't believe everyone had a radio for the riding seats. When I joined the Race Track the only one that had a radio was the Chief and Assistant Chief."
- George Stone stated, "That was back before we got the Motorola ones."
- Dan Callahan stated, "If we try and do better at least we are trying to do better and maybe we can find a middle ground."
- Joel Worth stated, "Even if it was a start with a few more radios for each department, that would alleviate a lot of pressure. (Gave an example of a call he went on with just the truck radio, because they were on two calls)
- Chad Silk stated, "Did you guys have the VHF radios as well, on the trucks?"
- Joel Worth stated, "Yes, had the VHF, but no one was utilizing them at the time, I didn't even know there was another call, because I didn't have a radio."
- Chad Silk stated, "We are definitely not arguing that."
- Joel Worth stated, "We paid and have radios coming, we just don't have them yet. I think with the 8 that we bought we would be able to manage good, with the guys that come to the fire. I think if each department had enough for like four guys, it could do."
- Chad Silk stated, "Remembering sitting down figuring out the riding positions, it seems like the TIFID requests came in that wasn't the primary concern from anyone in the room and then other things just happened. Then we are back to the radios. We are back to radios being a problem now, SCBA will be a problem next year, then turnout gear. I have been on here for a decade and it is just a revolving door of what is the priority. How we going to fix it and then move on to the next step. Without the TIFID money and money running out, the conversations weren't easy before, they are going to get harder now."

- Dan Callahan stated, “We have also discussed in this committee, that because we are in the position we are in, because of all the vehicles are pretty much the same age, we need to start staggering as we purchase things. Also, put in a request every year on the budget, not living off the TIFID, because we knew the TIFID was going away. So, we must do that, to be able to fund the things we need.”
- Chad Silk stated, “For sure, you are not going to get money unless you ask for it. If you guys would have the ultimate say and help Zach, get more money.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “I will, I know I can get others to follow suit, but we must put that request in. I could try myself, but it would look a whole lot better if the Fire Chief puts it in the budget. If they deny it, we have the opportunity to say, no, we want this.”
- John Sorich stated, “The budget is set and then handed to us. It is the Chief Executive Budget, so he writes it and then it is the Council’s Budget. We can add or subtract whatever we want. If we want to make additions, we must find the money, from one department to another department. So, if you want another \$150,000 you must find it.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “In the last month we have approved three pieces of equipment.”
- John Sorich stated, “I am talking when you are trying to past the budget.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Ok, where does the money come from it is part of the general fund, instead of buying brand new pick-ups and brand-new pieces of equipment, lets get some radios for these guys.”
- John Sorich stated, “I am not saying we can’t, but we have to find the money to do it.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “It is do able.”
- Chris Mjelde stated, “This is an observation from a tactical end, if \$300,000 to much, and every single member getting a radio is to much. What observation, every structure fire that I have ever been on, when the volunteers show up and the career guys are there, teams are naturally being formed, there is this group of four guys going this direction and another group going whether it is overall, or water. Teams are being formed would you disagree? It just happens naturally, maybe we consider what teams need to be formed and get a radio count that way to start with. I would love it if we could get every single person a radio but, I don’t know that is feasible. I was on a fire last week and Boulevard was there. There was Boulevard and two paid guys outside and Boulevard and paid guys inside. There are teams! Maybe we can come up with a number 2-3 radios per team. It seems like it is based on tasks that need to happen at a fire and assign radios to those tasks and not to people.”
- Joel Worth stated, “I agree.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “Even if we go and try to purchase new radios, we have noticed it is taking it is taking months to get any, we still have to use what we have.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “And the prices still keep going up.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “We can still use that old VHF, I know it is not the best thing in the world, but it still works, we just have to train.”
- George Stone stated, “There is times they work better than the other.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “It does, yes.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “We already discussed the 800 MHZ radios are E for interior. Interior firefighting searches. So, VHF, if trained and used right is totally use able still while you are outside, doing other fireground duties. It is not like they are useless.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “They are not complaining they have them, but if they are in the truck on the way to the fire and they can’t communicate to dispatch or the Career Truck, we have a disconnect.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “Vehicles have them though.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Half of these departments have one radio in the truck.”
- Chad Silk stated, “You are talking about the Mobile.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Yes, if it works out right, you have the mobile in one and the other in the other truck, but it doesn’t always happen that way.”

- George Stone stated, “Maybe I am speaking for myself, but I think a lot of departments are going to put in for radios again, on TIFID.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “And pagers.”
- George Stone stated, “Yes, we talked about it at our last meeting, and we are putting in for four radios, handhelds. We felt that would be a good for us, that would give us basically six handhelds for the department.”
- Joel Worth stated, “One thing everyone should look at is, those micro grants they give out with FEMA are pretty simple to get. There is an option there. We were able to do it because we have our own tax ID, if you don’t have it, I think you would have to go through BSB.”
- George Stone stated, “I am not sure on all of that.”
- John Sorich stated, “Let’s be realistic, no one wants anyone to get hurt, there must be a common sense approach. If departments are not showing up to fires and have five members and we are going to give them \$40,000 for radios, don’t make a whole lot of sense. I think there needs to be a policy saying, the ones that are showing up or 54 calls, granted they are the ones should get the radios or a better chance for more radios.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “That is like saying that cop never gets involved in a shootout, he doesn’t need a gun.”
- John Sorich stated, “No it’s not, that is different!! This frustrates me, we are all here for the community. If you have 6 guys in your department and you want 4 radios, that is almost \$40,000.00 for 10 calls. I am not saying they should not have any radios, but should they have 4 radios? How about cutting that in half.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “No one is said we had a number yet.”
- John Sorich stated, “That is what I am getting at. The ones responding to the calls are the ones that should be in line.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “How can you say who is not responding if they aren’t getting any calls.”
- John Sorich stated, “Right here, (shows the call volume report).
- Jerry Brother stated, “If we could sister up Floral Park would have had 59 calls last year.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, but.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “How do you get firemen interested in fighting fire.”
- Chad Silk stated, “By combining your districts, that’s how. You get more calls by combining districts. You get better training; you get more calls by combining districts.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “You can’t combine districts according to state law.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Yes, you can, who has the authority to do it?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “State Law.”
- Chad Silk stated, “And the trustee’s, right! If you guys really wanted to push that, don’t you think you could get it done? You’re saying there is no way to do it, but we want to do it. We want two different districts to be called to the same place.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “My suggestion was to go to J.P. and discuss putting this to the ARPA Committee.”
- John Sorich stated, “We need to know how much money.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “We need to find a happy medium.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “So, I approved 8 radios last year, \$32,000.00 out of the TIFID, if 8 more were bought this year for another \$32,000.00 plus because the prices have gone up. If I go to them and say, we just bought 16 radios for \$70,000.00 from the TIFID, will you guys match it?”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Great idea! First, explain to them, when you changed over, we came up far less radios then when we had the old system. Once they know that, then they will understand why we need the radios.”

- Zach Osborne stated, “We are at where we are at because the people who made that decision are no longer here. I don’t know what their plan was. I don’t know what Dan Dennehy and Jeff Miller’s ultimate plan was. When they did this, I don’t know if they had a plan in the future.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “When they came before us, I think they thought both radios would work. Somewhere down the line it changed.”
- John Sorich stated, “We actually cut some funds out of that from the original budget, it was like 1.3 million dollars, or 1.5 million dollars cut. The Commissioners cut it.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Did they think it would not pass if it was too high. We only approve what comes in front of us.”
- John Sorich stated, “It was during the Budgeting session.”
- Chad Silk stated, “Jeff Miller, if he had the money guaranteed, would have got more than two radios, guaranteed. But he didn’t have the money to do it, so this was his best plan going forward and then to find a fix after. We are still in the fix stage.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Here we are after.”
- Chad Silk stated, “It is, but that was his best with the amount of money he had to work with. It was the best thing he could do. Without having more money.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Without requesting more money. My comment has been since the beginning, if the request wasn’t big enough and I would have known we were only going to do it halfway. I would have said we spend the money and do it right. Like you said, it might be working okay for you guys, but it is not for the volunteers.”
- Chad Silk stated, “With some more training it could be better and go a long way.”
- George Stone stated, “Fire departments have always tagged along with the police.”
- Lee Sullivan stated, “We are a pretty minor entity in it.”
- George Stone stated, “Even Statewide I am hearing the same thing.”
- Chad Silk stated, “In the meantime, if that situation happens again Joel, just broadcast over your mobile radio in the truck that I am on scene, do the size up, all unit switch to Fire 4. Fire 4 is one of the best channels we have on VHF. So, it not an end all, it goes back to the training, is it the best, no. But he doesn’t have the money right now to make it the best and hopefully we can.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “My suggestion was, there is ARPA money.”
- Chris Mjelde stated, “So, how do we come up with a number? Do we just wait for the TIFID proposals give us a number, any suggestions?”
- Zach Osborne stated, “I wonder if the Study would give us a number?”
- Chad Silk stated, “That is what I was going to mention.”
- Chris Mjelde stated, “Someone has got to come up with a number, is it the Chief?”
- Dan Callahan stated, “If you wait until the Study the ARPA money will be gone. This is an opportunity even if you get half of what you want, it is a start. You can pick away at it, we can get there, but if you don’t pick away you don’t get there.”
- Chad Silk stated, “So, if we were able to find funds for some more radios, you would vote yes for the Study?”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Yes.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I don’t know if there was ever a lack of trying to find funding for the radios, but having this conversation just might have put it back on top.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “I can honestly say, I am not in on any of these meetings, but talking to where they kept funds from the department heads, who do you think has the funds? They say this is the number we got to hit, let take here, here, or here. They aren’t even talking priority.”
- John Sorich stated, “It is in the general fund but it’s the Road fund, Public Works, or Fire Fund, you can’t pull from a different fund and put it over here, you can’t do it.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Where did they get the money to tear the buildings down?”
- John Sorich stated, “It was budgeted.”

- Zach Osborne stated, “On the original purchase of the 800 MHZ radios, everyone just got a truck radio and two handhelds. We approved one more last year that is still on back order. So that is three handhelds and truck. You guys (Boulevard) now have 8 or ordered 8, now you have 10.”
- Joel Worth stated, “We have plenty.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “Here is my ongoing question and maybe it will be an ongoing question, my plan before TIFID even came out was to do 8 more radios this year. That would put each volunteer department at 4 radios, beside Boulevard. If I ask ARPA fund or if ARPA denies me and I go to Council and I ask for another \$70-80,000.00 for another 2 radios per department, 16 radios total, now, some of those departments will have more radios than they have manpower. So, then what? Does it go to the Fire Council and you guys just divvy them up as you see fit?”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “There is 11 departments, right?”
- Zach Osborne stated, “There is 9, I was told I can’t do anything with Walkerville or Melrose. So those two, I don’t know if it would be up to J.P. or Danette, but they are not in our Fire Budget.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “They are not in your budget but, when we (Council) funded this CAD System, this had nothing to do with the Fire Department. This was a separate fund to supply this system.”
- George Stone stated, “It was a whole separate fund .”
- Chad Silk stated, “It was a Butte Silver Bow thing, not us.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “So, it had nothing to do with TIFID money or your budget. This was Emergency Services money that was a special fund.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “I asked last year if TIFID could go to one of those two stations, absolutely not.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “Well what happened there, somehow when they came up with this money with the TIFID they put it in with the by-laws, they weren’t involved. TIFID was not intended to discriminate.”
- George Stone stated, “If we end up doing the ARPA deal, that is a county wide deal, those guys alt to be included in that.”
- John Sorich stated, “I don’t believe, but I could be wrong, that Rocker, Walkerville and Melrose is in your Fire Fund or tax base.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “They pay emergency services, not fire.”
- John Sorich stated, “That was the reason why is because they are not paying into that fund.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “It is something that I can ask again.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “ARPA money would be for everyone.”
- John Sorich stated, “You are saying Butte Silver Bow. We are not getting anywhere here, nowhere. We are not solving anything here by yelling at each other, and pointing figures, we are going backwards. We need to figure out how many radios we need. You talk to Danette, and I will talk to Danette and see if there is any money available or knows about the available fund in ARPA or can ask members of the ARPA Committee. Let’s find out why A-1 was given some funds, they must have applied for it, how did they find out about it. Let’s talk to Danette to see if there are funds available for the Fire Departments.”
- Joel Worth stated, “It wouldn’t hurt to call each Chief and say we are trying to get a little money for radios, what would make your department feel safe, operation wise. Chris Mjelde had a good point; people do team up.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I just don’t know if we can get the information.”
- Joel Worth stated, “Well, if you wanted radios for your department. They could say it would be a lot better and safer if we could get 2 more radios and have an explanation why.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “But that is a reasonable answer, that you are talking about. A lot of these requests sometimes that I get on the phone, or an email are not reasonable. It is like I need 10 of these, and they only have 6 people. I wished I could call the Chief’s and get a reasonable, smart suggestion. But it is always we need double. Why?”



- Chris Mjelde stated, “Would it be worth considering if we put a bank of radios on the engine that is at a fire call. Then thinking about accountability when the fire last week and Boulevard had to split in two. Have at the fire a bank of radios and assign the radios to the teams. Boulevard does have more radios coming. I am just throwing it out there. Then the IC would have more accountability keeping track of the radios, we would have to figure something out.”
- Chad Silk stated, “I think with the requests coming in, people reading these minutes, if you could rely to the Fire Council and have a reasonable number of radios and send it to the Chief, if that is possible.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “Know you have 2, the third one is coming.”
- George Stone stated, “What you just proposed, that we end up with four radios, would be good.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “These minutes are not posted until after we approve them.”
- Zach Osborne stated, “You’re going to the Fire Council next week.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “I will talk to them about what happened here, but they won’t see the minutes until after we approve them.”
- John Sorich stated, “What I am getting at is, it doesn’t seem fair and bothers me, when you have a real active department not getting what they need, and you have equipment and radios in places and never get used. There are places where all of it can be used, why should it be sitting on a counter somewhere.”
- Jerry Brothers stated, “Now you are talking against what he said that everyone will be getting a radio.”
- John Sorich stated, “No, I am not, we need to find a way to prioritize through a ratio of number of active calls and who is showing up and this is what this committee should be doing actually, we should be the ones coming up with who needs what and suggesting numbers to the Fire Director, that is Fire Advisory. That is the real world. We have 4-5 departments that are really committed and 3-4 just trying to get by.”
- Dan Callahan stated, “So, you’re saying they are not as important?”
- John Sorich stated, “I didn’t say that! I didn’t \*\*\*\*\* say that I am done.”
- George Stone stated, “Meeting adjourned.”

**7. Chad Silk made a motion to adjourn, George Stone seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M. Next meeting is March 7, 2023, Business Center Room 201 (across from Station 1) at 5:30 pm**

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