

**DWFPD (cont. from page 1)**

shown in the map on page 3.

**Note:** Annexation by the City of Colorado Springs has reduced DWFPD's service area and subsequent tax base. In November 2017, residents of the northern sub-district voted to approve a mill levy increase of up to 14.9 mills—from 7 mills to 21.9 beginning in 2018—to supplant lost tax revenue. Each year, the district certifies the mill levy amount to be assessed, which can

be less than or equal to the amount approved by the electorate. Wescott's board certified the full 14.9 mill levy for 2018 on Dec. 5.

At the second public comment period at the end of the meeting, Rusnak stated that he didn't get an opportunity to look at the budget before it was approved in December. <http://www.ocn.me/v17n12.htm#dwfpd>

At the Nov. 21 DWFPD board meeting, Chief Vinny Burns explained that

he was waiting for the final 2017 property valuation numbers from the county Assessor's Office, which should be provided in seven to 10 days.

Resident and former DWFPD board member Dennis Feltz said during public comment that he had requested but not received notices of board meetings and meeting minutes and also requested a copy of the 2018 budget.

Administrative Assistant Stacey Popovich apologized for the delay in meeting notices and minutes.

Board Chairman Greg Gent indicated that a budget would be made available (it was unclear if the budget would be made available to just Feltz

or to the public in general). Later in the meeting, Burns clarified that a budget would not be available until December. <http://www.ocn.me/v18n1.htm#dwfpd>

At the Dec. 5 DWFPD board meeting, during the opening public comment session, resident Gary Rusnak also questioned the lack of public access to the final DWFPD 2018 budget draft proposal. Rusnak said, "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 budget review. My question is, 'Will we be provided a copy before your discussion or only afterwards?'"

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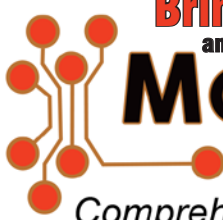


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