

tion of the district could total hundreds of thousands of dollars. He said he would suggest moving forward with the consolidation.

The board did not make any further decisions. To read more information about the district, see <http://wescottfire.org/about-wescott-fire/>.

**Treasurer's report format trial agreed upon**  
Rusnak rolled out a new, more generalized treasurer's executive summary to be shared with the board monthly, in addition to Administrative Assistant Stacey Popovich's more detailed monthly expense report. Rusnak said it is important to segregate the reserved capital from the revenue and expenses, confirming the board must vote to spend the reserves.

Popovich said this report can't be produced in QuickBooks, so she would need to manually type the numbers into Excel. Rusnak said he could prepare it if he received the budget numbers soon enough.

Instead the board, with Ridings' approval, decided Popovich would try creating the report for one month to see how much time it takes.

**Gallagher updates**

McAllister suggested that after the Colorado Assembly committee on Gallagher has met and made a decision, the board should revisit firefighter salaries and perhaps pull that from reserves.

Court said it's rumored the committee may recommend a 6.11 percent residential property assessment rate. The residential assessment rate is currently set at 7.2 percent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.  
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The next Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb 19 at Station 1, 15415 Gleneagle Dr. Meetings are usually on the third Tuesday of each month. For infor-

mation, call Executive Administrator Stacey Popovich at 488-8680 or see [www.wescottfire.org](http://www.wescottfire.org).

Allison Robenstein can be reached at [allisonrobenstein@ocn.me](mailto:allisonrobenstein@ocn.me).

**TLMFPD (Cont. from 1)**

(CDOT) to identify and resolve problems. "TLMFPD may need to become the primary response agency due to access issues during the widening of the gap—with an ongoing effort to reduce response times," said Trost. TLMFPD has an agreement with the Larkspur Fire Department to cover calls in the Larkspur, Douglas County area, he said.

**EMS/Paramedic hired**

After many months of searching for the right EMS/Paramedic candidate to fill the 15th slot on third shift, TLMFPD has finally filled the position with EMS/Paramedic Nathan Boyce. Boyce was sworn in during the meeting by Truty with the new oath now required by state law. TLMFPD has been using required overtime to fill shifts until all the positions were filled, and one of the five reasons cited for needing a mill levy increase was to increase the district's wage schedule. See [www.ocn.me/v17n5.htm#tlfmpd](http://www.ocn.me/v17n5.htm#tlfmpd), [www.ocn.me/v17n6.htm#tlfmpd](http://www.ocn.me/v17n6.htm#tlfmpd), [www.ocn.me/v18n1.htm#tlfmpd](http://www.ocn.me/v18n1.htm#tlfmpd).

**Donald Wescott Fire Protection District merger process**

Early in the meeting, Vice President Roger Lance welcomed Chairman Bo McAllister of the DWFPD board who was visiting the TLMFPD board meeting. The TLMFPD board moved into executive session at 7:35 p.m. pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(e) to instruct negotiators on the possible future arrangement with DWFPD. When the TLMFPD board returned to open session, it approved 5-0 a motion directing the fire chief to provide a detailed plan to the Board of Directors in 90 days that is a contract-for-service type agreement with DWFPD that is financially sustainable to both communities.

**Gallagher amendment update**

Chief Chris Truty updated TLMFPD directors on the current draft proposal from the Colorado Legislative Committee to the Colorado State Legislature suggesting the drop in the Residential Assessment Rate (RAR) be decreased from 7.2 percent to 6.78 percent and not 6.11 percent as originally predicted, which would have caused a catastrophic loss in revenue. "It is a mixed blessing and makes the urgency a little less in terms of talking to the community," said Truty.

**Financial report**

Treasurer John Hildebrandt updated the TLMFPD board with the most recent financial report of reve-

nue and expenses through December 2018 as follows:

- Property tax revenues received were \$7.54 million or 99.71 percent of the budgeted amount.
- Specific Ownership taxes received were \$918,231

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