

Full House - Foxfire's Fire Contract Special Meeting:

Contract Still Delayed

I have to mention the **impressive show of solidarity** when 17 members and 2 board members of the West End fire department marched in together.

Heads turned.

It was a wonderful sight to see — a quiet, powerful reminder of who's been protecting this community while council delayed action.

The October 3rd Special Council Meeting **began with a reminder from Mayor Gregorich:**

“This is a special meeting — there will be no public comment period.”

Let's be clear: **Foxfire Village Council absolutely can allow public comment during a special meeting if they choose to. There's no law prohibiting it.**

They had every opportunity to hear from residents before voting on the fire department contract — and chose silence.

When a contract has expired, fire staff have been removed, and public safety funding is being withheld, residents deserve a voice — not just a seat in the audience

What Residents Have Not Been Told

- The contract expired July 1, 2025 — and no new agreement in place for over 3 months. Residents were never notified of the lapse in coverage
- Fire staff were removed from the Foxfire station due to lack of contract and non-payment
- This is the second year in a row Foxfire delayed contract approval and payments.
- Council members added a clause to last years the fire department's contract, that the village council will provide a council member to attend monthly Board of Directors meetings — but no one has shown up