

Westfield Fire Advisory Board

January 26, 2012

7:00 pm

Chair, Pat Edington opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Members present; Pat Edington, Terry Bittner, Martha Evans, Jim Likley, Chief Fletcher. Also present, Mark Williams, Ron Oiler.

Organizational needs of the Board:

Jim Likley nominated Pat Edington as Board Chair, seconded by Terry Bittner, unanimous vote.

Pat Edington nominated Jim Likley as Vice Chair, seconded by Terry Bittner, unanimous vote.

The October 27th meeting minutes were amended to clarify that the repair cost to squad truck 167-2 of \$1,572.00 would be part of the 4th quarter expenses. Minutes were approved as amended.

Township Fiscal Officer Martha Evans presented the Fire Department 2011 total expenditures line item spread sheet. This totaled \$222,005.58 expenses of \$236,000.00 operating budget for 2011. The 2012 Fire Department Budget was presented with additional line items for Physio Control Monitor and Public Education. Discussion regarding monitor funding, is a service contract for the monitors in the squad trucks.

Chiefs Report;

Presented short and long range concerns and issues that the department will be facing in the future.

1. Squad 167-2 is a 2002 Ford and will see some mechanical repairs in the near future. Squad replacement schedule was extended to 15 year rotation, but these repairs will become more apparent and costly with this extension.
2. The Physio Control Monitors mounted in each of the squad trucks will be obsolete by 2013. These were purchased used 8 years ago, parts, maintenance and service will be a concern. Replacement cost \$27,000.00 each.
3. Jaws of Life extraction equipment is becoming less effective due to Department of Transportation requirements in vehicle structure and steel. Replacement equipment \$15,000.00.
4. Turn-out gear needed at a minimum of 8 sets at a cost \$1,600. to \$2,000. each.
5. Facility, the station is at capacity, safety concerns and future needs of the community. Options of adding on to present house, acquiring land and building a new station or building new station at Township complex. Discussion and pursuit needed.

Chief Fletcher is pursuing grants for any and all of the above, but also stated the grant request for a brush truck was recently denied. Waiting to hear on the grant for an air trailer used for filling SCBA tanks.

Wfrdcommunityevents@shutterfly.com will provide photos of department events and information, use password "community" to view.

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Chief Fletcher will be submitting "time sheet" each pay period and will be a public record at Township.

Medicount Management contract language is being finalized and reviewed by Bill Thorne.

Township will be placing the fire levy on the ballot in November.

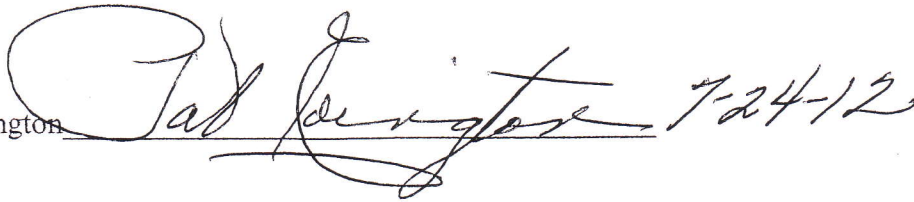
Jim Likley stated he would be writing letters to the editor in local papers or as a quest writer to promote and inform the residents of the levy and the department needs over coming months.

Jim Likley will be contacting Lodi's Mayor to further communicate the concerns of mutual aid for their community.

It was agreed that the Advisory Board would meet quarterly. Meeting schedule for 2012 is April 26, July 26, October 25 at Village of Westfield Center Hall 7:00 pm.

With no further business to come before the board Jim Likley moved to adjourn Terry Bittner seconded. Unanimous.

Chair, Pat Edington

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pat Edington", is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the date "7-24-12" is written in a similar cursive style.