

Westfield Fire and Rescue District

Regular Meeting
September 8, 2015

Thombs calls the WFRD meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call: Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye, Likley will be late.

Chief's Report

- 34 runs- 22 EMS, 11 Fire, 1 Vehicle Accident; 24 Township, 6 Village, 3 Seville, 1 Cayman Township
- Open House last week to demonstrate the new rescue tools. Schmidt discussed the great article in the paper about these new state of the art tools. The residents are very pleased with the WFRD.
- **Truck 162-1** is currently out of service. The shift switch is causing problems. Back in service in a couple of days. This is a 1999 pumper truck so things are slowly wearing down.
- Association was present at the Great American Car Show selling root beer floats on Labor Day. Over \$400.00 was raised and also attended the Wadsworth Props and Piston Festival on September 12, 2015 to sell floats. The Chief complimented the Association on their efforts to raise money for the WFRD.
- EMS Grant- \$3,250.00 for reimbursement for supplies for last year. This year the grant money must be used for reusable equipment, not for disposable items. Suction Units (batteries are too expensive) so this will be one of the equipment purchases that the grant will pay for.
- 6:25 Likley arrives.
- Chief is on vacation until September 19, 2015 and all shifts are covered.

Insurance Company Notice- the total amount of coverage is \$25,000.00 per month. The cost is \$1687.00 per month and have spent \$17,055.00 so far with a total of 4.7 months left (through the beginning of February). Likley asked if the providers who are building the truck are aware that the money for leasing another vehicle is coming to an end.

- Station Status- nothing at this time
- Day Staffing- Chief Fletcher had previously asked if members could sign a waiver exempting them from benefits if work hours exceeded 1500 hours a year. Bill Thorne made calls regarding the state law and the community claiming the exemption. Mr. Thorne will get back to us with further information. Bill Thorne will attend the WFRD October 6th meeting to answer all questions and to discuss questions regarding the proposed WFRD building.

Minutes to be Approved

Thombs makes a motion to accept the August 17, 2015 meeting minutes as submitted; seconded by Schmidt. Roll call: Likley- aye, Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye. The motion passes.

Proposed Fire Station Discussion

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- The Chief and Thombs are talking to property owners regarding land for the proposed Fire Station- The discussions are anonymous and range from free to reasonable proposals. Some areas are good and some are not so good.
- The Chief is working with his staff on their needs and collecting data. Thombs looked at a past State ODOT report (Leroy, Westfield and Vandermark) were to become u turn intersections on Rt. 224. If this happens then this would increase run times for the WFRD. Thombs asked the state about this past proposal (and will happen in the near future) and was informed that the funding is for Westfield Rd. only (There is no time frame for this proposal.) Thombs then asked about what is the chance of getting a controlled light on North LeRoy and 224; rural areas will not get this type of light.
- Looking at January/ February for property decision.

Fiscal Officer's Report

- Payment listing is for \$19,439.80

Thombs makes a motion to accept the payments in the amount of \$19,439.80 as submitted; seconded by Schmidt. Roll call: Schmidt- aye, Likely- aye, Thombs- aye. The motion passes.

- Fund Status in the amount of \$412,764.51
- October 6, 2015 the State Auditor will be here(for about 2 weeks) for the 2013-2014 audit

Old Business

- ✓ The Chief and Zweifel will complete the motor vehicle reports by October 5th
- ✓ Records Retention- Chief, Zweifel and Thombs will complete by October 5th and send report to the Historical Society.
- ✓ Lodi nonresponse- June 8, 2015 hand delivered and they have passed the 60 days. Thombs would like Likely to send a letter to Lodi about the date being passed. Likely thinks the goal has been reached and nonresponse has not been an issue lately. Let this issue ride since Lodi is answering their calls. Only implement if it becomes a problem again.
Schmidt's concern is about this being a reoccurring event and does the letter have language that would be negated if the Township and other committed townships don't act. Lodi has added staff so calls are being answered.
Schmidt would like to get Thorne's advice on this matter. Likely will reach out to the other townships regarding how to best handle this predicament. The Trustees will address this with Thorne on the 6th of October. Likely believes that the collective unity of Townships has made all of the difference and the goal has been reached.

New Business- none

Announcements

WFRD Reg. Meeting- September 21, 2015@ 6:30PM

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Schmidt makes a motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM; seconded by Likley. All said aye.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cheryl Porter, Zoning Secretary

Date approved: _____

Trustee William Thombs, Chair

Trustee James Likley

Trustee Michael Schmidt