

Westfield Fire and Rescue District

Regular Meeting
March 4, 2019

Trustee Likley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call: Horner – aye, Schmidt – aye, Likley – aye.

Comments from the floor

- Mary Beth Gunther – Medina County Auditor’s Office
 - An inquiry by Westfield Township Renewal of continuing levy for operating funds was made. Renewal is actually not the correct terminology. It is actually either Replace or Additional since the law was enacted in 2016. The distinctions are for a Replacement the 10% non-business/2.5% owner occupied are intact and reimbursed by the State even if an owner is delinquent. Additional removes the Roll backs and there are not reimbursements if the owner is delinquent. There is a 3% delinquency rate County wide.
 - The Township could leave the current levy in place and add an additional levy.
 - A levy is best placed 1 year after reappraisals
 - There is no option for an Emergency Levy at the Township level.
 - A Safety Service Levy is an option but clarification on funds would be used is needed.

Chief’s Report

- Total number of calls was 38; squad included 19, fire 16; motor vehicle accidents were 3. This included 23 in the township; 8 in the Village; 2 in Lodi; 3 in Seville and 2 in Lafayette. 24 residents & 14 non-residents were involved.
- The WFRD Association sponsored the 2018 WFRD Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet last Saturday. Recognized for making 50+ runs were Adam Anderson, Richard Botson, Brandy Crall, Terry Craig, Dan Grabowski, Kevin Rych, Sarah Sitko and Russ Zupanic. Thanks to Christopher Mullett of Longhorn Steakhouse for donating a \$25 gift certificate and appetizer for each member. This is the second year Chris has done this for the Association. Also recognized by their peers were Richard Botson for Firefighter of the Year, Sarah Sitko for EMS Provider of the Year and Kent Patterson for Chief’s Award for his assistance to the department on many emergency responses. The latter was also recognized for his service to the community and with his announcement of his retirement this year he will certainly be missed.
- Medicare Part B Coverage – Trustee Likley forwarded Jim Organ’s response to Mike Lyons. Some definitions are still unclear and will need to be clarified.

Minutes to be approved

- *Schmidt makes a motion to accept the February 18, 2019 meeting minutes as corrected; seconded by Horner. Roll call: Likley - aye, Horner – aye, Schmidt - aye. The motion passes.*

Fiscal officer’s Report

Schmidt makes a motion to authorize the payment of bills totaling \$8,007.29 as submitted; seconded by Horner. Roll call: Horner – aye, Schmidt – aye, Likley - aye. The motion passes.

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- KL Graphics - \$1,325.00 – New squad decals
- John D. Pruer - \$222.59 – Training books
- 312 Construction, LLC - \$150.00 – Overhead door repairs and spring adjustments

Fund Status - \$76,234.89 Checking Balance - \$153,933.18 CD

Appropriation Reallocations

- \$1,325.00 to 1000-220-323-1673 167-3 from 1000-220-323-1600 Repairs & Maintenance
- \$150.00 to 1000-220-318-1010 Training from 1000-930-930-0000 Contingency
- \$1,345.00 to 1000-220-318-1010 Training from 1000-220-323-1600 Repairs
- \$123.26 to 1000-220-430-0000 Small Tools from 1000-220-430-0801 Office Equipment

The following 2019 reports were given to the Trustees for their review.

- Revenue Status
- Appropriation Report
- Fund Status
- Cash Summary by Fund YTD
- Receipt Detail – February 2019

Correspondence

- Appraisals for the Fire Station
 - F.O. Haendiges contacted Otarma regarding the free replacement cost appraisal which will happen in the Fall, 2019.
- Otarma Renewal – Fletcher will need to provide an equipment inventory listing
- Statehouse Update – rebates are available for residential Tornado safe rooms.
- \$196,000 of OBWC Safety Grants are available for 22 departments.

Old Business

- Chief Fletcher proposed pay rates increases between \$1 – 3 depending upon certification
 - In 2018 23 calls within the district were not responded to by WFRD due staffing constraints
 - The total impact to day staff salaries would be approximately \$55,000 = 15 per hour for 70.5 hours per week.
 - Increases would be effective April 1st.

Likley makes a motion to approve the hourly rate increases as proposed by Chief Fletcher effective April 1, 2019; seconded by Horner. Roll call: Schmidt – aye, Likley – aye, Horner – aye. The motion passes.

Likley makes a motion to approve Resolution WFRD 2019-03 to set Permanent Appropriations for the General Fund and EMS Grant Year ending 12-31-2019; seconded by Schmidt. Roll call: Horner – aye, Likley – aye, Schmidt – aye.

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- F.O. Haendiges has been asked by the Board to notify them if moving funds from the Contingency line is necessary.

New Business

- N/A

Announcements

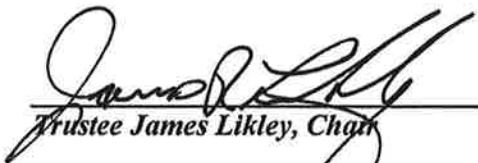
- March 18, 2019 – WFRD Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Schmidt makes a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM; seconded by Likley. All said aye.

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle A. English

Date approved: 3-18-19


Trustee James Likley, Chair


Trustee Craig Horner


Trustee Michael Schmidt