

Westfield Fire and Rescue District

August 3, 2015
Regular Meeting

Trustee Thombs opened the meeting at 6:07 PM. Roll call: Likley- aye, Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye.

Comments from the floor- none

Chief's Report

- Total runs are 32; EMS are 23; Fire are 8; and MVA is 1. There are 19 in the township, 9 in the Village, 3 are in Seville and 1 in Wadsworth.
- The department, along with other surrounding departments, is working with Lodi community Hospital to provide annual physicals to all members. These physicals will take place at the participating fire departments and is part of a nationwide effort for firefighter wellness.
- There will be a cook out on August 24, 2015 at 6:00 PM and training for auto extrication from 7-9:00 PM. All are welcome to observe the training.
- The Chief has not heard anything about the new truck except that the chassis will be in sometime in September.

Minutes to be approved

Thombs makes a motion to accept the July 20, 2015 meeting minutes as submitted; seconded by Likley. Roll call: Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye, Likley- aye. The motion passes.

Schmidt makes a motion to accept the July 23, 2015 Proposed Budget/ special Meeting minutes as submitted; seconded by Likley. Roll call: Thombs- aye, Likley- aye, Schmidt- aye. The motion passes.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Likley makes a motion to approve the payment of \$249.99 as submitted; seconded by Thombs. Roll call: Likley- aye, Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye. The motion passes.

Fire Station Discussion and long term needs

- Thombs met with the Chief regarding the following:
 - Hard to get in and out of existing area
 - Need for training space
 - Need for updates
 - Looking for land or property for new station- Westfield School plot- long term lease or Township Hall is a slow response time.
- Chief and Thombs will meet with Village Mayor regarding their needs
- Thombs will meet with Mr. Thorne to discuss Township build and lease options to the WFRD
- If Township builds the station then all who elect the Trustees will vote (including Village and Glory Glens)

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- Schmidt would like Language to be written so there isn't a problem
- Major input is needed from the community and the WFRD but ultimately the final decisions are with the Trustees of the WFRD
- The Chief will visit Valley City, Hinckley, Mason, Lafayette
- Potential Planning Committee may be created
- Levy may be put on November 16 ballot (2016)
- Likley checked into sizes of other townships' fire stations: Hinckley is currently building a 9600 square foot department with 4 bays at an approximate cost of 1.4 million; Guilford has a building of 12,861 square feet at a cost of 1.359 million; Sharon Center (5900 sq. feet) and building a new add on of 6,000 square feet; York has a department of 8,100 square feet and Lafayette is 9,700 square feet.
- Departments will become Wellness Centers according to the Affordable Care Act. Departments will work with Medina Hospital (or other hospitals still to be determined) to make sure that patients do not return to the hospital within 60-90 days for the same care. Departments will have to do patient check -ups.

Old Business

- ✓ County wide mutual aid agreement- passed last year but the wording for Tactical Rescue Team is added. Fire Chief Association- all townships signed and sent to the Prosecutor's Office for language. Likley stated that many of the Chiefs did not sign the document in the past.

The county wide policies and procedures state the level of service they will provide and the original document of 1990 for 3 years and will continue indefinitely for 3 year increments.

Thombs makes a motion for the WFRD to agree with the County Mutual Aid Assistance Document; seconded by Schmidt. Roll call: Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye, Thombs- aye. The motion passes.

- ✓ OBMV reports- Still need to be submitted to the state according to the new Driving Policy. There is a \$5.00 fee but the insurance company will reimburse at the end of the year. If an employee has any driving activity risk then they will be suspended from driving Township equipment. Zweifel has forms and they need to be filled out and sent as a group to the BMV.
- ✓ All WFRD employees must have insurance on file and a copy of driving license on file.
- ✓ Records Retention on hold (Zweifel and Thombs to participate in disposing of records)
- ✓ Schmidt asked if Lodi has responded to their non-response documents that have been sent to them on June 8th. Lodi has 60 days to respond.

New Business

Announcements

WFRD reg. meeting on August 17, 2015 @ 6:30 PM

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Schmidt makes a motion to adjourn at 6:51 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