

Westfield Fire and Rescue District

October 5, 2015
Regular Meeting

Thombs called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call: Likley- aye, Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye.

Comments from the floor- none

Schmidt makes a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:05 PM to discuss purchase of fire station property; seconded by Likley. Roll call: Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye, Likley- aye. The motion passes. Mrs. Zweifel, Chief Fletcher and Mr. Thorne also went into Executive Session.

The trustees came out of Executive Session at 7:00 PM with no decisions.

Chief's Report

- Run report includes a total of 40 calls; 28 squad, 7 fire, 5 motor vehicle accidents. Township had 29, Village had 11.
- This week is National Fire Prevention Week and the WFRD participates in the State fire Marshal's Fire Safety Poster Contest. Elementary students will be submitting a poster with a safety slogan and there will be one winner in each group grades K-2 and 3-5. The winners will be sent to the state to compete in the state wide program.
- The WFRD will be holding CPR instruction to a number of teachers as well as continuing the High School CPR classes throughout the year.
- The group MC Axe and the Fire Crew with Kasey the Fire dog will be in town to perform at the Elementary School on October 22, 2015. They provide this event at no cost except for their overnight lodging. WFRD will be sharing this cost with four other fire departments. The Chief asked for Trustee approval to cover the rooms and not to exceed \$500.00. The other fire departments will reimburse the WFRD.
- The Association is having their 14th annual Clam Bake/ Steak fry on October 17, 2015 from 4:30-7:00 PM.
- Last September 20th, 13 members participated in the Medina Tunnel-to Tower 5K Run/Walk to commemorate the FDNY firefighter that ran from the NY City tunnels to the towers in his fire gear to help his colleagues during 9/11 tragedy.
- Truck pumper/tender 162-1 repairs are now complete. The repairs to the pump system were extensive but the truck is working fine now. The final invoice may be in excess of \$10,000. Fire Truck Service has tested pumpers last year and they will be continuing maintenance this winter. Likley supports having this company continue to service trucks.

Fire Station Discussion- none at this time

Assistant Prosecutor William Thorne-The Chief asked Thorne if an Employee may waive their right to insurance even if they receive additional hours. Thorne stated there was nothing to stop the Employee from requesting insurance at a later time. Thorne stated that a waiver was not binding and the Affordable Care Act is currently at 32 hours before having to provide insurance. Thorne will write a

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resolution for the WFRD for the next meeting stating that an employee will receive 35 hours of employment but must waive their rights to having the WFRD pay for insurance or hours will be cut.

- Cab is already built and the chassis will be in.

Minutes to be approved

- Clarification of rental truck payments to Guilford Township are needed by Zweifel. Starting of paying for rental was November 24, 2014 and the total cap on insurance is \$25,000.00. Records show that the WFRD has paid \$24,875 to date. Likley would like further information on these payments to Guilford. \$17,055.00 total payment to date. Likley would like further clarification and Zweifel will get the information together for the trustees prior to the next meeting.

Thombs makes a motion to accept the meeting minutes from September 21, 2015 as submitted; seconded by Schmidt. Roll call: Likley- aye, Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye. The motion passes.

Fiscal Officer's Report

- Payments in the amount of \$12,368.17. Discussion on Vermed for electrodes.

Thombs makes a motion to accept the payments in the amount of \$12,368.17 as submitted; seconded by Schmidt. Roll call: Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye, Likley- no. The motion passes.

- The fund status is in the amount of \$382,486.78.
- Check for hotel stay for MC Axe and Fire Crew (Chief will provide Zweifel with the exact amount). Other fire departments will reimburse. Chief will provide receipts within 30 days and must sign a release for the use of the credit card.
- Medina County Budget Commission correspondence from Mary Beth Guenther was received on October 2, 2015. A resolution accepting the amounts and rates must be approved by the Trustees and sent back to the Auditor's Office by October 30, 2015. Zweifel read the Resolution for the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Likley makes a motion to accept the Resolution for accepting the amounts and rates for the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor; seconded by Thombs. Roll call: Thombs- aye, Likley- aye, Schmidt- aye. The motion passes.

- **Supplemental appropriations-** Likley brought it to everyone's attention that only \$15,000.00 was allocated for the truck rental payments out of the General Funds or Special Revenue. Year to date is \$17,055.00 for the truck rental. Insurance money is coming to the WFRD to pay for the rental. A separate account for \$26,118.00 was for the electric tools on the truck. Additional funds from Insurance (closer to \$420,000.00) and \$299,000.00 is already spent from the total for the truck that was totaled. There is still more money needed from insurance to pay for everything. Truck rental and lease has exceeded the appropriated amount.

New Business

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- Ohio Township Association Meeting- Thombs asked the trustees if visiting the different companies that represent building Fire Stations may want to attend this session to get ideas. Likley felt that companies would meet with the Chief here and it may be unnecessary to drive to Columbus for same information.

Announcements

October 10, 2015 @ 8-2:00 PM- Hazardous Waste Collection, Fairgrounds

October 10 & 11 @ 12- 6:00 PM- Fall Foliage Tour

October 17, 2015 @ 4:30- 7:00 PM- Clam Bake

October 19, 2015 @ 6:30 PM- WFRD reg. meeting

Likley makes a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM; seconded by Thombs. All said aye.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cheryl Porter, Zoning Secretary

Date approved: _____

Trustee William Thombs, Chair

Trustee James Likley

Trustee Michael Schmidt

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