

# Westfield Fire and Rescue District

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Regular Meeting  
March 5, 2018

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

## Comments from the floor

- Dan Eletich, 8602 Virginia Drive –
  - Eletich questioned what the customization of the pumper was purchased in 2005. It was stated that it had to be shortened to fit the 36' bay.
  - He also stated that a contractor told him that the concrete on Virginia Drive was not compatible for truck traffic. He will get the information to the Trustees regarding this statement. Village Superintendent Dave Pittsburg had previously provided, that the road was constructed to allow this traffic.
  - He also asked when the next pumper would be purchased. It will be in 5-7 years.
  - He asked what the investment was to date for the Safety Services Building – Trustees stated it was \$140,000 for the land and \$160,000 for additional predevelopment costs. Trustees discussed that adjustments made to the building after the 1<sup>st</sup> levy attempt failed.
  - Eletich stated he was the retired Assistant Fire Chief for the City of Akron. He questioned having 2 sites, one for EMS & one for Fire. Trustees stated that since WFRD staff is crossed trained a single site operation is more effective.
  - Eletich questioned how many structure fires were serviced in the last 2 years. The answer is 1 in the Village and 1 in the Township.
  - There is also a concern of response time since most WFRD staff live south of Route 224.
  - Responses to Mr. Eletich's questions were given by both Chief Fletcher & the Board.
- Dennis Toth – 8566 Virginia -
  - Toth disputed that the \$140,000 for the land was not a comprehensive amount. Trustees stated that is inclusive of all fees and commissions.
  - Toth requested that all members have residency south of Route 224. This requirement has been deemed unconstitutional and he was reminded that WFRD staff are volunteers.
- It was also discussed that the Safety Services building on the Township hall property does not have sufficient parking and would need another driveway.
- The new building would include 8 bays – 2 trucks, Chief's vehicle, light rescue vehicle, gator/trailer and air trailer. The Air Trailer has been out 2x times in 18 months but it is used regularly to refill bottles.

## Chief's Report

- Total number of calls was 30; squad included 21; fire 5; motor vehicle accidents were 3 and hazmat was 1. This included 23 in the township; 5 in the Village; 1 in Canaan Township and 1 in Wadsworth. 21 residents & 9 non-residents were involved.
- The Association hosted the annual Recognition Banquet on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Recognition went to Brandy Crall for Firefighter, Dan Grabowski for EMS and Mark Williams received the Chief's award. Also recognized were 10 members who responded to 70+ emergency calls last year. A

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special thanks to Wooster Longhorn Steakhouse Manager, Christopher Mueller donated gift cards for each member in the amount of \$35.00.

- The department will be providing CPR Training at Cloverleaf High on March 6<sup>th</sup> for 120 students.
- Planning has begun for the Prom Promise program mock crash event. It will take place on April 30 involving several other community organizations including private individuals whose lives were impacted by tragic incidents during the prom season.
- Chief Fletcher will meet with Terry Pfund to go over final specifications for the new squad. Production will begin in April and last 4-5 months. The Pfund quote includes options that were previously priced separately. The quote for the replacement still needs to be signed by the Trustees.
- BWC has not approved the grant for the turn out gear extractor. A large volume of submissions across the state has caused the delay.
- 2 new members – Bridgett Klein and Nicholas Everett will be sworn in at the next meeting, March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Fletcher will complete the SOG's to the Board and provide an updated roster.
- Phones will need to be further reviewed for coverage & cost.

## **Minutes to be approved**

*Schmidt makes a motion to accept the February 19, 2018 meeting minutes as submitted; seconded by Likley. Roll call: Horner – aye, Schmidt – aye, Likley – aye. The motion passes.*

## **Fiscal officer's Report**

*Likley makes a motion to authorize the payment of bills totaling \$19,768.92 as presented; seconded by Schmidt. Roll call: Horner – aye, Schmidt – aye, Likley – aye. The motion passes.*

- Glatfelter Special Benefits - \$2009.28 – VFIS Insurance
- Staples - \$80.05 – Office Supplies
- MCFCA Emergency Services Conference - \$20.00 – Registration for Chief
- Median County TRT - \$1,187.01 – Annual Fee
- Emergency Medical Products - \$4,626.24 – Equipment (\$2700 reimburse with grant funds)

Fund Status - \$250,782.84 Checking Balance, \$151,304.07 CD

## Appropriation Reallocations

- N/A

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

- Appropriation Report
- Fund Status
- Payment Register – all payments from the day after the last meeting
- Cash Summary by Fund

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- Revenue Status
- 2018 Permanent Appropriations were approved by the Medina County Auditor's Office.

## Correspondence

- None

## Old Business

- Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles record request listing is prepared and ready to be mailed the week of March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Social Media Policy not finalized as of yet.

## New Business

- WFRD website is a work in progress.

## Announcements


- March 19, 2018 – WFRD Regular Meeting 6:30 PM
- Open house at WFRD station – Monday – Friday 9AM to 4 PM and Monday and Thursday 6 – 7 PM through May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Likley makes a motion to adjourn at 7:05 PM; Schmidt seconded. All said aye.*

*Respectfully submitted by:*

*Michelle A. English*

*Date approved:* 3-19-18

  
*Trustee James Likley, Chair*

  
*Trustee Craig Horner*

  
*Trustee Michael Schmidt*