WESTFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT MEETING

2/5/2024

Patterson called the Westfield Township Fire and Rescue Meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Role Call: Patterson, Schmidt, Horner

Others in attendance: ZI Carr, Fiscal Officer Kurtz, Chief Hall, Assistant Chief Dave Young, Carol Rumburg, Terri Grimm.

No comments from the floor.

Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes from Jan 16, 2024 minutes. Horner seconded the motion. Schmidt- yes, Patterson- yes Horner- yes. Motion carried.

Chief Hall provided an update: 51 incidents in the month, including mutual aid to Seville, Lafayette, Wadsworth and Lodi. Provided update on billing. 31 total transports by EMS.

Billing update- $23,296.40 for EMS.

Cub Cadet sold for $9,760.77. Quotes are being collected for Car 166-2, and a new hard drive was purchased for the storm siren.

Chief Hall reviewed the status of grants for the fire department.

Patterson made a motion to enter executive session for discussion on compensation at 6:42 pm. Horner seconded the motion. Role call- Patterson- yes, Schmidt- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.

Patterson made a motion to 7:02 to come out of executive session with action to follow. Horner seconded the motion. Role call- Patterson- yes, Schmidt- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.

Horner made a motion to resume the regular meeting at 7:03 pm. Schmidt seconded the motion. Role call- Patterson- yes, Schmidt- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.

Kevin Rych asked Chief Hall about the amount billed out from the fire department from cost recovery for 2023 for 552 calls in the amount 228,000 billed and 86,000 was received. Schmidt added that the fire dept has been doing amazing with the fact that they haven't missed any calls.

Patterson makes a motion to consider the proposal of Chief Hall for the fire department pay scale. Exhibit A- proposal from Chief Hall. Horner seconded the motion. Role call- Patterson- yes, Schmidt- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.

Dave Young would like to apply for AFG grant. He shared the costs to consider when hiring personnel. With someone who does not have training the cost of a new hire is $10,616.15. This includes training and PPE. He shared the article "Fire departments are not business". He included the Caner 101, PFAS and the fire service, Smoke Exposure, First Responders Physical Examinations. He discussed the cost share of the grant and how it would impact the township and the budget yearly.

Schmidt shared the 2024-02 appropriations for the fire department for approval. Exhibit B- 2024-02 Appropriations. Horner seconds. Role call- Patterson- yes, Schmidt- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.

Patterson shared that the township will be creating a committee for the fire department levy. Kevin Rych said he appreciates this and isn't against the levy, but doesn't agree with the dollar amount and terms that were included.

FO Kurts gave updates on fund status and payments.

Fund status: $175,694.53 Money market savings: $122,055.80 Primary checking account balance: $53,638.73 Payments: $24,927.65

Pilot will be used for gas purchases.

Patterson made a motion to approve payments to be made in the amount of $24,927.65 Schmidt seconded the motion.

Patterson-yes, Schmidt- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.

Receipt listing for January is $29,328.45

FO Kurtz added for the record that we did reduce capital reserves on the fire side as the cost of everything has increased. The reserved capital was reduced from $120,988.61 to the amount of $67,871.99

Kitchen hood inspection and sprinkler inspection will be paid from building fund 4101.

Next meeting is February 20, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Patterson made a motion to close the meeting. Horner seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49

Minutes prepared by: Julie Carr, Township Administrator

Signed,

Michael Schmidt

Kent Patterson

Craig Horner