

WESTFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT MEETING

8/19/2024

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

Role Call: Michael Schmidt, Craig Horner, Kent Patterson

Others in attendance: Chief Hall, Melissa Kurtz

Patterson asked for a moment of silence for our first responders.

No comments from the floor.

Schmidt made a motion to approve July 15, 2024 minutes. Horner seconds the motion. **Role call- Schmidt- yes, Patterson- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.**

Horner makes a motion to approve the minutes from August 5, 2024. Schmidt seconds the motion. **Role call- Schmidt- yes, Patterson- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.**

Schmidt makes a motion to approve the minutes from July 29th special meeting minutes. Horner seconded the motion. **Role call- Schmidt- yes, Patterson- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.**

Chief Hall provided an update: 30 calls. Provided update on billing. 12 total transports by EMS. 18 calls during the day and 12 at night. Mutual aid received 2 times.

\$9,684 sent out in EMS Billing.

No missed calls.

Fire safety inspections at the local schools have been completed.

Vehicles have been repaired. Where the funds were coming from was discussed. Some funds are coming from the EMS equipment grant funds and funds allocated for the Chiefs car were used to pay for the repairs needed.

MES completed yearly service on e-draulic rescue tools, cost was \$650.00.

Westfield Insurance check donation presentation was on August 14, 2024. We again thank them sincerely for this donation.

No updates on grants.

Grimm suggested putting a post on facebook letting residents know if they want information regarding the levy they can respond to the township email and we can create a list to share more information with them. The next meeting will be Oct 9th from 6-8. The Westfield Village Mayor is endorsing the levy, Max Miller has been contacted for possible endorsement as well. A door to door campaign is happening with door hangers throughout the township. Large banners are being ordered to be put up around the township. Grimm will also be ordering yard signs. Thank you letters were sent out to the residents who attended the meeting. Funding is the biggest concern. We have \$1,700 in donations but closer to \$3,500 is needed to promote the levy.

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Agents association meeting is set up for next week. They will create videos that we can use to send out information regarding the levy and needs of the fire department. A letter to the editor is also requested of the Trustees. Grimm asked that his letter be drafted by then end of the month.

Horner talked to Sharon Ray and it was shared the benefit of helping the residents understand that even insurance costs may go down with variables of the home and property.

Patterson asked if Horner and Schmidt had an opportunity to review the wording of the levy. Schmidt shared it was simplified and easier to understand.

Schmidt made a motion to approve the official ballot language as presented for the Nov 5, 2024 general election. Horner seconds the motion. **Role call- Schmidt- yes, Patterson- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.**

An amendment is needed for Resolution 2024-06. This will allow the appropriations to include the donation received in the general funds to purchase the first responder vehicle for the Chief.

Schmidt makes a motion to approve the amendment to Resolution 2024-06 as presented. Patterson seconds. **Role call- Schmidt- yes, Patterson- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.**

FO Kurtz discussed the funds status and receipt listings.

Payments listed are \$33,593.65.

Patterson makes a motion to approve the payment listing of \$33,593.65. Horner seconds the motion. **Role call- Schmidt- yes, Patterson- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.**

Patterson thanked the Montville Trustee for hosting a great meeting and allowing this excellent opportunity to network among state, county and local officials.

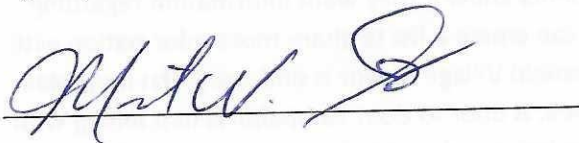
Next meeting is September 3, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

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

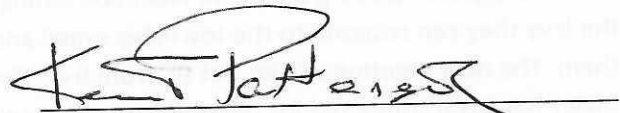
Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm

Minutes prepared by: Julie Carr, Township Administrator


Signed,



Michael Schmidt



Kent Patterson



Craig Horner