WESTFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT MEETING

2/18/2025

M Schmidt called the Westfield Township Fire and Rescue Meeting to order at 6:30pm. Meeting location 6699 Buffham Rd, Seville OH 44273.

Role Call: Kent Patterson, Michael Schmidt, Craig Horner

Others in attendance: Julie Carr, Chief Hall, Jeff Young

Comments from the floor.

Tom Horwedel, mayor of Westfield Center asked about the options for the fire department and specifically abolishing the fire district. He asked how this would impact the millage. Schmidt shared this was just one scenario being discussed and it was one of many. Tom asked what the trustees' thoughts were on if the village would vote for this, Schmidt shared again, this is one of many scenarios and the township isn't sure what approach is best to take at this time. Rick Robbs asked if the trustees' wanted the village to be there at the next meeting. Schmidt shared that we are looking at scenarios, trying to see what the best scenarios to discuss are. Robbs said he will only be there if the township wants the village there to be represented. Schmidt shared that the trustees cannot discuss these scenarios unless they are having a meeting, they can't just call each other up to discuss. After the last meeting with the village, this is the next meeting the township was having to discuss the possible options and that they were trying to narrow down what options are viable to even present and discuss with the village. R Robbs asked the trustees to put themselves in his shoes and they need to do the same and what is best for the village residents is having a full functioning fire department. The trustees reiterated that they are looking at every option, nothing is left out as an option that is being reviewed with legal counsel. The trustees discussed the cost saving of the fire department last year and that the capital gains was able to be carried over from 2024 to 2025.

Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes from February 3, 2025 minutes. Horner seconded the motion. Role Call- Schmidt- yes, Patterson- yes Horner- yes. Motion carried.

Horner makes a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on Feb 6, 2025. Schmidt seconded the motion. Role Call- Schmidt- yes, Patterson- yes Horner- yes. Motion carried.

Chief Hall provided an update: 25 incidents in the month, including mutual aid given to Seville and Lodi. Mutual aid given 5 times. Received 4 times.

19 day, 6 night calls.

No missed calls.

Billed out from the Fire/EMS is $14,030.00

Training on the utv is happening. They will bring this to the next meeting to show the trustees.

Resignation received that Chief had been expecting as the employee lived up near Lorain. The Chief and team wish him the best.

Schmidt makes a motion to accept the resignation from Rick Patton III effective 2/4/25. Patterson seconded the motion. Role Call- Schmidt- yes, Patterson- yes Horner- yes. Motion carried.

Interviews are happening now.

No updates on membership or grants.

The Chief and Assistant Chief met with county park rangers and the best way to partner for safety aspects and shared the equipment the fire department has.

The Chief and Assistant Chief will be attending training on 2/19 in Canton.

Schmidt shared he reached out to the parks department to please come to a meeting to discuss future projects in the township.

New business- March 3- insurance advisor is coming to discuss.

Thank you card for Contessa's for providing pizza for our fire fighters.

Kurtz reviewed fund status and payments

Board reviewed the payment list. Payments: $29,500.05

Schmidt made a motion to approve payments to be made in the amount of $29,500.05 Patterson seconded the motion. Role Call- Patterson-yes, Schmidt- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.

Kurtz shared she needed to amend the last resolution.

Schmidt made a motion to approve resolution 2025-03 to amend the appropriations to include the marcs grant income the township is receiving. Horner seconded the motion. Role Call- Patterson-yes, Schmidt- yes, Horner- yes. Motion passed.

Next meeting is March 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm and special meeting March 6, 2025 at 3:30 pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

Minutes prepared by: Julie Carr, Township Administrator

Signed,

Michael Schmidt

Kent Patterson

Craig Horner