

WESTFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE DISTRICT MEETING

10/20/2025

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

Roll Call: Kent Patterson, Craig Horner, Michael Schmidt

Others in attendance: Julie Carr, Dave Young, Chief Hall, Tera Seiwerth

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

Anthony Morris, a firefighter and paramedic, was sworn in as a member of the Westfield Fire and Rescue District.

Chief shared that on Oct 2, they were dispatched to a resident's home for a male exhibiting stroke like symptoms. In the ambulance was Asst Chief Dave Young and Joe Maitland. Access was a concern so Chief joined the call to assist if needed. Response time was 8 minutes to the scene. Because of the quick response and transfer time, the stroke patient has made a full recovery. The EMS coordinator reached out as they received communication from the stroke coordinator at the hospital to share what a great success story this has become. Mr. Joe Ruby was the resident who credits his full recovery to the swift action of his fantastic medical team and that started with Westfield EMS. When his stroke started Mr. Ruby's right side was unable to be used. He was unable to communicate. The team quickly identified his needs (Dave and Joe). Mr. Ruby shared that it was a miracle to have this result as this happened while he was logging the woods. He just suddenly went down, his Amish friends got him to the front of the property where EMS was at. They rushed him to Wooster where he was able to get a clot buster which worked within minutes. He was still unable to speak at first, but feeling was coming back in his leg and arm. He was then life flighted to Columbus. He credits the whole reason he is alive to the fast response of EMS and then the great care he received from there. Dr Monatti, wanted to share the outstanding response from WFRD. Every minute that passes the stroke patient can have impacts on the brain. This response made all the difference. He presented tokens to Joe, Dave and Chief for their actions. The response time was in the 1% of stroke victims and that made all the difference. This response now holds the record at Wooster Hospital.

No comments from the floor.

Horner made a motion to approve the minutes from Oct 6, 2025 regular meeting as presented. Patterson seconded. Roll Call- Patterson- yes, Horner- yes, Schmidt- abstain. Motion carried.

Chief Hall provided an update: 42 incidents in the month, including mutual aid given. Mutual aid given 7 times. Received 4 time(s). 32 day shift calls and 10 night shift calls.

No missed calls.

Membership- Anthony Morris added to the team.

Chief shared that on Oct 16th- dispatched to fire on Westfield Rd. Heavy fire on residence. Time of dispatch to water on the fire was 12 minutes. This is the importance of having staff at the fire

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department. Home is NOT a total fire loss. Homeowners were extremely thankful as family heirlooms were able to be saved.

Host testing will start next week.

Air chisel set from Howe rescue was purchased for \$2,812.03. Money used from a donation from Westfield Group.

New laptop was needed in training room. \$569.00

2 IV Fluid warmers for each unit were purchased for \$1,370.00. This will be reimbursed from equipment grant.

Cloverleaf school visit on fire safety talk on Oct 7th and 8th.

Grants- marcs grant was applied for- no updates as of yet.

New business: Wadsworth Eagles is looking to make a donation to the WFRD.

Battery replacement is needed for a camera that does thermal imaging. They would like to trade this in for a discount. Rest of the money will come from funds raised at the golf outing.

Schmidt makes a motion to trade in the old unit for a \$500 discount on a new thermal imager. Patterson seconded the motion. **Roll Call- Patterson- yes, Horner- yes, Schmidt- yes. Motion passed.**

Levy update- its on the ballot. Early voting has started. The township did not have anyone step up to head a levy committee unfortunately.

Trunk or Treat is coming up in October, fire department is ready.

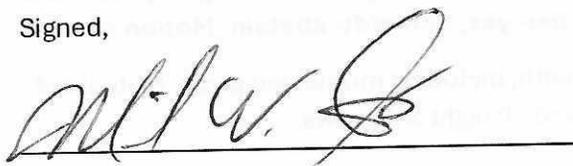
Seiwert reviewed the fund status and payments. Trustees reviewed. Payment listing amount: \$24,325.05 **Schmidt made a motion to approve the payment listing of \$24,325.05 Horner seconded the motion. Roll Call- Patterson-yes, Horner- yes, Schmidt- yes. Motion passed.**

Next meeting is November 3, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the fire station.

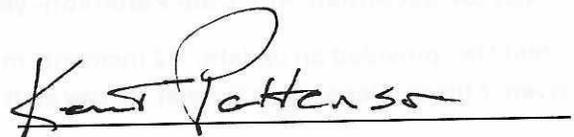
Schmidt made a motion to close the meeting. Patterson seconded the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm. Minutes prepared by: Julie Carr, Township Administrator

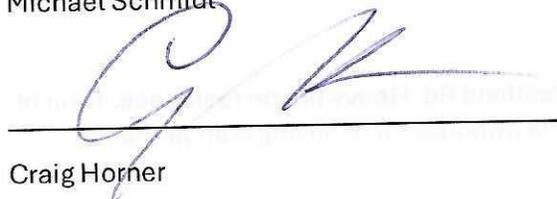
Signed,



Michael Schmidt



Kent Patterson



Craig Horner