

Regular Meeting
April 20, 2026 @6:30 pm

Meeting location: 6699 Buffham Rd, Seville OH 44273

James Likley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Roll Call: Joseph Doty, James Likley

Others in attendance: Julie Carr, Tera Seiwerth, Carol Rumburg

Moment of prayer and reflection

Comments from the floor- none

Likley shared that more information is on the website available to the public.

Minutes to be approved

April 6th minutes have been reviewed.

Doty made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2026

Likley seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Doty- aye, Likley- aye. Motion passed.

Fiscal Officer Report, Tera Seiwerth

Financial Reports

Checking balance: \$103,925.58

Savings balance: \$100,062.99

Bills/Warrants- \$22,110.33

Likley asked for clarification on CCA payment, which is Seville income tax.

Payment to White Ford was for vehicle service both squad trucks and chief's vehicle.

Payment to Steve Tressler, was a correction to Harbor Plumbing.

Likley made a motion to approve the payment listing of \$22,110.33

Doty seconded the motion.

Roll Call- Doty- aye, Likley- aye. Motion passed.

Old Business

5-year budget plan- no updates. Likley shared that he has been working with Chief on what the future needs are in the equipment replacement schedule. He said he knows we're looking to replace the 2014 EMS vehicle in 2029. He added that the payment we make to Sheriff dispatcher services will also be increasing. With many costs increasing Doty and Likley agree that the goal is to identify what millage rate is needed for the levy based off the 5-year budget

plan. Likley will work with County Auditor to ensure the amount of the levy millage on the ballot will meet the needs of the fire department. Goal is to have budget plan ready in May for review.

-OTARMA insurance review was completed at the Township Hall and Fire Department. This is due later in May. Trustees will be review. Likley would like to review with Chief as well.

-Silco and Cost Recovery contracts are signed. Likley will work with Chief to make sure they received the contracts and copies returned for our records.

-Cost Recovery- Chief is working on total hours and billing for previous fire response issues at the Solid Waste District. This is being billed to different carriers not the Solid Waste District.

-164-1 Truck bids. The most recent light rescue truck bid was \$33,000. Bids close on 4/21. Chief will let Trustees know what the final bid is.

New Business

Public records request received from Michael Schimdt. Fulfilled by Julie Carr on 4.20.2026.

Comments from the floor-

Carol Rumburg asked about how the services provided by the fire department affect the township and village specifically and are both the township and the village residents going to be able to vote on this levy in November? The board said it is the plan to have both village and township residents voting on this. We believe that everyone in the service area of Westfield Fire and Rescue should have a vote on the level of service they want and need. Likley has spent many hours working with the Village council wanting their support and legal counsel on this direction. If the proposed fire and rescue levy is successful in November, the present 2.5 mill continuous levy passed in 2012 will be eliminated. Likley said come November everyone can vote on the level of service they want. The trustees, fiscal officer and fire chief are actively working to develop the 5-year budget plan that will provide the bases of a millage rate to be on the ballot. This will be either 5- or 7-year levy not a continuous levy.

Trustees said they are working on ways that will spread the levy information throughout the township and village and the impact on services if not successful. The township website has been redesigned to provide financial information as to revenue and monthly expenses and will provide the 5-year budget plan numbers as completed. Likley and Doty said they are happy to attend any group meetings in the community to provide information. They will be holding informative sessions at the township as well.

Executive Session- none

Announcements

May 4th 6:30 pm regular meeting

April 20, 2026 WFRD regular meeting

Motion to adjourn time 7:30 pm. Likley made motion to adjourn. Doty seconded.
Roll Call- Doty- aye, Likley- aye. Motion passed.

Meeting minutes prepared by Julie Carr.

Signed by:

James Likley

Kent Patterson

Joseph Doty

Date Approved 5/4/2026