

Regular Meeting
June 1, 2026 @6:30 pm

Meeting location: 6699 Buffham Rd, Seville OH 44273

James Likley called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

Roll Call: Joseph Doty, James Likley, Kent Patterson
Others in attendance: Julie Carr, Tera Seiwert

Moment of prayer and reflection

Comments from the floor- none

Chiefs Report- Chief Hall

Total number of incidents for the month: 44

Total Fire Runs: 16

Ems Runs: 20

MVA: 8

Missed calls: No missed calls.

Billed out: \$31,425 Received: \$4,509

7 fire inspections completed.

Asst Chief Young completed his certification course and test and is now a certified Instructor.

Hall and Young completed county wide accountability class on May 11 and 12th.

3 members attending Ohio State Firefighters Regional Training Seminar on May 29th.

Hydrant testing will not start until August due to county sanitary engineers request.

Engine 2 yearly safety inspection was completed along with emergency repairs. Total cost \$6,275.31. Engine 1 is in for safety inspection.

No update on membership.

Provided EMS standby for Special Olympics on May 7th.

Hosted a large group of home school students on May 18th.

Participated in village Memorial Day parade on the 25th.

Assistant Chief Young shared the coverage report for the month of May. Day shift, 3 shifts plus a half hour were not covered. Night shift, 4 shifts plus an hour and half were not covered.

Cloverleaf High School students Aiden Herman and William Jonathan Herman attended the meeting to present the speaker's podium they built as a class project. These 10th grade twin brothers worked together to design and construct. Kaiyus Zandar Davison and Jordin Garrett

Hines both in 10th grade, assisted in the project. They created a beautiful piece of furniture that will serve our community for many years. Thanks to Greg Valent Industrial Technology Teacher Cloverleaf Local High School for his guidance to these students.

Minutes to be approved

May 18th minutes have been reviewed.

Doty made a motion to approve the minutes of March 18, 2026

Patterson seconded the motion.

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

Fiscal Officer Report, Tera Seiwerth

Correspondence- Received additional correspondence from IRS of the 2025 time period. This has been an ongoing issue and will follow-up with call.

Appropriation and revenue status were sent to trustees.

Receipt Listing: 18,434.19

Bank reconciliations were completed and emailed to the trustees.

Financial Reports

Checking balance: \$85,300.62

Savings balance: \$100,235.11

Bills/Warrants- \$19,738.47

Doty made a motion to approve the payment listing of \$19,738.47

Patterson seconded the motion.

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

Old Business

Fire District funding special meeting on June 2 with the Village Council.

Likley shared he believes there are four options to explore and will be discussed at that meeting.

1) Continue with district levy of the unincorporated area of the township and contract service to the village. 2) Create a joint district between township and village. 3) A township wide levy to include village residents. 4) Not placing a levy on the ballot at this time. Doty reviewed voting history of the area over a nearly 20 year period and the most recent failed four levy attempts in the unincorporated area. Doty shared his opinion that we should not be putting a levy on the ballot again if limited to just the unincorporated area residents of the present fire district. Likley shared that everyone in the service area of Westfield Fire and Rescue should have a vote on the level of service that they want. Patterson shared that not putting the levy on the ballot isn't really an option in his opinion. Likley shared if we are not successful, we'll need to cut around \$100,000 from the operating budget which would include staff cuts, eliminating night shift,

reducing day staffing and coverage schedules. Likley shared the phenomenal average response time of around 8 minutes and with the possibility of reduced staffing, response times will increase unfortunately. Patterson asked about what other departments around us can do for mutual aid to replace any staffing reductions. Chief Hall said that we already have structured mutual aid plans with the areas around us to assist on calls or to respond when we're on another active call. Assistant Chief Young shared that relying on mutual aid to cover our calls, that we lose the billing revenue opportunity. Doty said if we do not go on the ballot in November we need to start making the cuts now. Doty said he thinks most people might not understand how the fire department will be decimated without proper funding for operational expenditures and the negative impact on personnel or the loss of trained members. Likley, said relying on mutual aid is a downward slide for our community. Patterson, said that this decision should be tabled until after discussion with village council tomorrow night.

Likley shared the need for operational funding and replacing equipment. The trustees and fiscal officer have created a seven-year budget projection to make sure everything has been calculated to prioritize needs of the fire department. This is how an accurate milage rate will be determined. Likley said that when a decision has been made information will be found on the Westfield Township website.

Personal Policy Handbook- Likley feels we need to proceed with this policy which includes both the fire and township policies. A complete folder of these documents will be sent out to the trustees for final review. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

Communication providers price review- Lieutenant Chris Blair shared the price quote from Uma was \$200 to switch to a different program that used one server. He shared how the program would work. It would include 10 subscriptions and both the township hall and fire department would need to keep internet service. The service would provide a menu of contacts of department officers and Trustees, Road Supervisor, Fiscal Officer or Zoning Inspector. A plan to make needed change overs will be organized and implemented for internet, phone service and rescue squad communications and at a considerable savings.

New Business

Sheriff Grice- communicate attendance for dispatch fees.

Announcements

June 2nd 6:00 pm special meeting @ Westfield Village hall

June 15th 6:30 pm regular meeting

Comments from the floor- none

Executive Session- none

Motion to adjourn time 7:25 pm. Likley made motion to adjourn. Doty seconded.
Roll Call- Doty- aye, Patterson- aye, Likley- aye. Motion passed.

Meeting minutes prepared by Julie Carr.

James Likley

Kent Patterson

Joseph Doty

6/15/26
Date Approved