

# Westfield Fire and Rescue District

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Regular Meeting  
May 5, 2014

Likley calls the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Roll call: Likley- aye, Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye.

Attendance: Fire Chief Fletcher

No comments from the floor.

## Chief's Report

- Runs: 33: Squad- 23, Fire- 4, Motor Vehicle- 5, Hazmat-1
- The new squad is in and the employees are now being trained for familiarization of the vehicle.
- Thermal Imaging Camera is in. The employees will be trained on this equipment prior to being put in service.
- CPR classes on May 15, 2014 to 100 high school students. This is the last of three trainings that were offered this year.
- Memorial Day Parade is May 26<sup>th</sup>. Come see our new equipment.
- Prom Promise will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 am for the juniors and seniors at Cloverleaf H.S. 10 different agencies will participate at this mock accident. Trustee Likley would like to thank all of the members who participate at this event.
- Likley asks the chief about the billable insurance (cost recoveries) regarding motor accidents being paid. EMS- \$41,251.21 has been billed and the chief says usually 1/3<sup>rd</sup> will be collected. At this time \$14,781.00 has been recovered.

## Fiscal Officer's Report

Total warrants paid in the amount of \$14,727.60. The Fund Status is in the amount of \$95,260.95.

An estimated amount will be collected during the second half of 2014.

Likley would like to look at projected numbers at the next meeting and the spending of the WFRD.

Zweifel mentioned that \$9,000.00 tax revenue is coming back from Creston.

***Likley makes a motion to pay the bills as submitted; seconded by Schmidt.***

***Roll call: Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye. The motion passes.***

## Minutes to be approved

***Likley makes a motion to accept the April 7, 2014 minutes with corrections; seconded by Thombs.***

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**Roll call: Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye. The motion passes.**

**Likley makes a motion to accept the April 21, 2014 minutes; seconded by Thombs.**

**Roll call: Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye, Thombs- aye. The motion passes.**

## Old Business

- Fire Contract- Assistant Prosecutor Thorne will help finalize the contract with the Village and will rectify the Village's oversight with their contributions. Each quarter the funds will be adjusted.
- Property & Casualty Insurance- OTARMA is the only bid at this time for vehicle and equipment insurance. Present Coverage is at a cost of \$8612.00 and OTARMA will save the WFRD \$508.00 at the cost of \$8,104.00. This will include replacement values as of 5-5-2014.

**Likley makes a motion to purchase Property and Casualty Insurance through OTARMA in the amount of \$8,104.00; seconded by Schmidt.**

Discussion: Schmidt asked if Wichert Insurance (current provider) provided any information or policy quotes to the trustees and Likley said they had not but were informed that the trustees were making a decision tonight.

**Roll call: Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye, Likley- aye. The motion passes.**

## New Business

- Health Insurance- Present Insurance Company will no longer be providing health insurance; by May 31, 2014 the trustees must find another company and policy for the employees who are provided health care by the township.

Discussion: Separate entities are involved (Township and WFRD). Since employees are paid out of separate funds with separate Tax ID's, this is a concern. Some insurance companies will not accept different employees from different organizations and they must purchase individual policies. (Group insurance is not taxed but individual coverage is taxed.) The Fiscal Officer will need further information from the board since her spouse presently is carrying her insurance and the stipulations from his company may wish for reimbursement. Reimbursement to Zweifel's husband's company will be in the amount of \$669.00. The trustees discussed higher deductibles to help keep the premiums down.

Likley would like to table making a decision and call a special meeting to review additional policies with Medical Mutual, SUMMA and Anthem Blue Cross. Special Meeting will be on May 12, 2014 at 6:30 to discuss Health Care for the WFRD and Westfield Township employees.

- Driving Policy- Implemented at the township level at the last trustee meeting on April 21, 2014. Standard Operating Guidelines already have driving policy but will be reinforced with the OTARMA guidelines.

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## Announcements

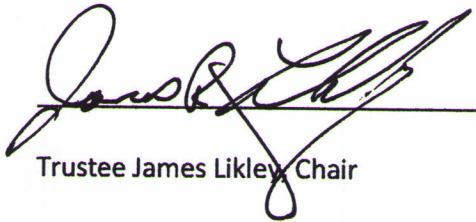
- May 12, 2014- Special Joint Meeting with Westfield Township and WFRD @ 6:30
- May 19, 2014 @ 6:30 pm Reg. Trustee Meeting

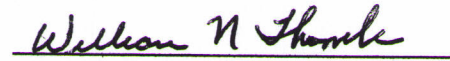
**Likley makes a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm; seconded by Thombs. Roll call: Thombs- aye, Likley- aye, Schmidt- aye. The motion passes.**

Respectfully Submitted By:

Cheryl A. Porter; Westfield Township Zoning Secretary

Date Approved: June 2, 2014

  
Trustee James Likley, Chair

  
Trustee William Thombs

  
Trustee Michael Schmidt