

# Westfield Fire and Rescue District

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Regular Meeting  
August 4, 2014

Likley calls the meeting to order. Roll call: Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye.

Comments from the Floor None

## Chief's Report

- There were 42 total runs with 24 squad, 15 Fire and 3 motor vehicles. Of those, 28 were in the township, 6 in the Village, 1 in Lodi and 1 in Seville.
- 6 volunteers are certified to be CPR Instructors after attending a class at the Akron Children's Hospital. They must teach 2 classes and monitor 1 class to complete their certification. The following members attended these classes: Mark Williams, Lt. Adam Anderson, Kevin Rych, Stephanie Sheldon, Sarah Sitko and Chief Fletcher. Kim Craig is already certified as an instructor.
- Currently the daytime staffing members are limited to 28 hours per week due to the mandates of the affordable care act. Relying on 2 people now, the chief would like to increase that up to 35 hours so we can better man the fire house. Likley will look into additional information regarding the Affordable Care Act and the total personnel prior to being required to offer health care insurance.
- The tire fire was at cost of over \$12,000.00 (billed to CCR Asphalt Manufactory) and they will submit to their insurance. Most of the cost was for labor and foam and the \$240.00 for water will be paid by the county. Schmidt asked if the chief explained to CCR Asphalt that their billed portion was at a discount.

The chief mentioned that the company had a large piece of equipment to stir the remains so this saved the township time and additional money. Likley asked how much money will be received for cost of recovery and will it be dispersed to the other fire districts? The chief said the money would be divided according to how much time was provided by each department for support.

- Warning Siren Grant- State will provide 50% of the funds for installation and equipment. There are two quotes; C & K and Early Warnings. Both are about the same amounts (\$25,000.00 per siren) and currently the township is serviced by the National System that is provided at no cost. The county system that currently provides a warning is county wide. This means the storms which are in the Brunswick area are also the warning storms for Westfield Township. The downside of staying with the current system would be the potential of inaccurate warning of storm considerably north of us. The proposed system would have perimeters centered around Westfield Township. Spencer has their own system so the fire chief can set off a warning by radio

Thombs asked about long term maintenance on the new proposed systems and the Chief said the maintenance is free except for the batteries.

Schmidt stated that 8 sirens would be approximately \$210,000.00 or 4 sirens at half the cost. He also asked if both siren companies had the same warning radius.

Chief added that there is an additional \$16,000.00 for the monitor and controlling system and yes they had the same radius. The chief said there are 36 sirens located throughout the county.

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Likley mentioned that the areas chosen for the sirens must be able to have an electric meter and power source. He also wanted to talk with Cloverleaf Schools and the Athletic Boosters to see if they would share some of the cost. The Truck Stops, Pump Station (southwest portion of township) and Medina County Waste Treatment Center may also provide areas with electrical connections.

Thombs said that deadline is August 15<sup>th</sup> for the grant.

Discussion pertained to the present systems would have to be connected to the new system so the residents won't be confused by two separate warning systems.

Schmidt said that the township may be covered with 3 new sirens since there was already one in the township.

Likley would like to look into this further and talk with other businesses and schools to possibly share some of the cost.

**A Special Meeting will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to make a decision regarding the Warning Siren Grant.**

## Fiscal Officer's Report

- Bills/ warrants in the amount of \$7,561.30. Thombs asked for clarification of Retail Acquisition and Development- Interstate Batteries and New Design was for public education handouts for events.

***Likley makes a motion to pay the bills as submitted; seconded by Schmidt. Roll call: Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye. The motion passes.***

***Likley makes a motion to terminate Terminix; seconded by Schmidt. Roll call: Likley- aye, Thombs- aye, Schmidt- aye. The motion passes.***

Discussion: Thombs asked about an existing contract. The chief did not think we did and will notify Terminix that they are no longer needed.

- Fund Status is in the amount of \$ 151,156.49.
- Zweifel will look into the service fee of Burnham & Flowers before payment is made.

***Likley makes a motion to accept the July 7, 2014 WFRD meeting minutes as corrected; seconded by Schmidt. Roll call: Thombs-aye, Likley- aye, Schmidt- aye. The motion passes.***

***Likely makes a motion to accept the July 21, 2014 WFRD meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Thombs. Roll call: Likley- aye, Schmidt- aye, Thombs- aye. The motion passes.***

## Fire Contract Payment

Likley would like a check for \$1.50 to be sent to the Village for the lease of the Fire Station and the equipment and \$1.50 to be sent to the township. This will be a one year formality.

## Record Retention

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The Chief will get the information together by the next meeting.

Schmidt asked the Chief about the 2 cell phones and does the iPad use a hot spot to decrease the amount of money spent on the data packages. The Chief said they use a hot spot in the squad for cardiac strips but it would not work in the fire truck when the iPad is needed to receive information about fire hydrant locations.

## New Business

None at this time.

## Announcements

Special Meeting for Warning Sirens' Grant on August 11, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

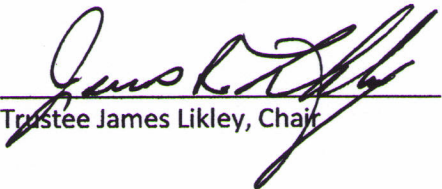
WFRD Meeting on August 18, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

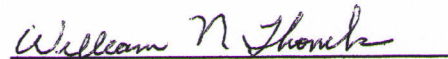
**Likley makes a motion to adjourn at 6:55 PM; seconded by Thombs. Roll call: Schmidt- aye, Likley- aye, Thombs- aye.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Cheryl Porter, Zoning Secretary

Date Approved: 9-2-2014

  
Trustee James Likley, Chair

  
Trustee William Thombs

  
Trustee Michael Schmidt