

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Westfield Township Board of Trustee
Westfield Fire and Rescue District Board of Trustees
Special Joint Meeting
Early Warning Sirens
August 11, 2014 @ 6:30 pm

Trustee Likley called meeting to order with roll call,
Trustees Thombs, Schmidt, Likley present.

Also present Fiscal Officer Zweifel, Chief Fletcher, Mayor Horwedel, Chris and Karen Johnson with C and K Early Warning System LLC.

Trustee Likley identified the purpose of the special meeting for the discussion and decision of type and amount of tornado sirens that the Board will pursue to purchase. Medina County Emergency Management Agency has provide a 50% State grant application opportunity that must be submitted by August 15th.

Trustee Schmidt stated his disappointment of the lack of communication on this grant as we first heard about the application opportunity on July 24th.

Chris Johnson provided information on the sirens, installation, communications, and features. The system has the ability beyond the sirens to text, utilize Facebook, Twitter feed, email residents, communicate to multiple computers, automatically set off alarm based on presets and national weather satellites, manually at base unit and or remotely by department radios. The abilities exceed just tornado warnings, can be weather related, civil alerts, flooding, evacuation notice, etc. The technical abilities and support is within the cost of the quoted system. The system has its own monitoring system that would be installed at the fire station. It would not be part of the County wide system that offers an "all or nothing" warning system. Meaning, any area in the county that has a tornado warning or watch alert, signals all sirens to alarm. This can be perceived as a false alarm in areas with no visual threat of inclement weather. Parameters can be established that monitor the immediate areas around the township providing accurate and timely warnings. Information is provided via satellite and a dish mounted at base facility with reliability that exceeds the anticipated weather when needed the most. The siren head is Omni-directional requiring no maintenance as head does not rotate. Battery back-up consists of (6) off the shelf type automotive batteries that are not proprietary and can last up to 5 years. Electrical connections to pole will be site specific and if possible off of existing metered power at each site. If located at school campus and directly from utility (Lodi Municipal Power) the associated fees will be \$500. to establish the account, \$1.00 per amp of service and \$5.00 a month access fee. Some fees may be reduced by Lodi Board of Public Affairs. Ohio Edison or First Energy Co. charge a \$38.00 per month plus kilowatts used per siren. Opportunity to connect electrically to existing metered power will be pursued at each site to eliminate any monthly service fee. Discussion on the breakdown of the offered quote as cost per unit, components, shipping, installation. Do to the cost of this project exceeding purchase limits it will need to be put out for bids. The bid package will be prepared with the needed specs and offered to legal counsel to review. Grant issuance is not certain as to the date but believed to be this fall, with

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installation anticipated early 2015. Possible replacement of the existing siren at the fire station which was purchased and maintained by the Village was discussed.

Trustee Thombs recommended pulling one of the townships CDs from the bank for the needed funds for this purchase on several reasons. One, the interest and penalties are minimal do to the low interest rate that these CDs are paying. Two, it eliminates the need to draw from existing line items in the general funds to compile sufficient funds for purchase. Three, it eliminates the need to draw from both fire district and township funds and the impact on those budgets. Four, provides sufficient funds to fully capitalize on the offered grant by buying more sirens. Five, it provides one source for the purchase from the Township funds.

It was decided that we would purchase (4) complete units with anticipated locations at the Cloverleaf School campus area, fire station, Lake Road and 224 intersection area and the southeast area of the township.

Trustee Thombs made a motion that Westfield Township Board of Trustees will apply through Medina County Emergency Management Agency for a State Grant of 50% funding for (4) four sirens, installation and supporting equipment and technical service. That the Village of Westfield Center will be invoiced by the township one fourth (1/4) of the total cost minus the grant reimbursement. That sufficient funds for this purchase will be drawn from Township CD #1652339 located at Westfield Bank. That all grant reimbursements will be returned to a similar savings instrument and annual appropriations for five years be made for fund replacement starting 2015.

Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion. With no further discussion.

Roll Call;

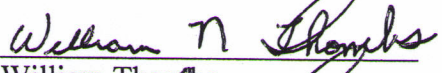
Schmidt; Yes

Thombs; Yes

Likley; Yes

Date approved; August 18, 2014


James Likley


William Thombs


Michael Schmidt