

FIRE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MAY 23, 2024

The Fire Oversight Committee met in regular session on May 23, 2024 at 5:43 p.m. This meeting was chaired by Mike Kuhn

ROLL CALL:

The following members were present at the Call to Order: Mr. Jeff Bobbitt, Mr. Mike Kuhn, and Chief Glenn Jirka

The Following Members were Absent: Mr. Mark Cross

ALSO PRESENT:

Also present were Fire Chief Dan Alldred, Lieutenant Josh Forrer, Administrative Assistant Roni Saul, Randy Stiver Deputy Director of Finance and Mr. Mark Heistand German Township Fiscal Officer

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:

Chief Alldred gave a brief report on the recent Grants received.

Grants for TNT battery powered extrication tools \$20K of \$27K purchase price
Radios \$10K of the \$50K cost
Harbor Freight \$300.00
Butler Rural-\$1K for four gas meters x 2 (\$1400.)

OVERSIGHT MEMBERS REPORT:

Nothing to Report

BUSINESS:

Meeting to Discuss:

EMS Billing Provider Change

Change Healthcare has decided not to renew our contract (along with numerous other departments) for EMS Billing. We looked at two prospective providers: Ambulance Billing Network (ABN) & Medicount. Both Ohio companies- both fairly local with ABN in Moraine and Medicount near Cincinnati. We decided to go with ABN for a better rate, experience, great referrals and very customer service oriented. Several local departments have already made the switch to ABN.

Note: Change Healthcare was hacked since the letters went out stating discontinuing service and have not processed / billed a run for us since about mid to end February.

City Manager and Finance Director have reviewed all the legal document and Law Director is finishing up on them. To be presented at City Council June 3rd.

Replacement of Utility 63

Replacement of 2005 Ford F-150 pickup truck used by both Fire-EMS on a daily basis for run response and other department needs. Age & rust have taken a toll on the vehicle \$50K to replace. Funds in 2024 budget for replacement. To be presented at City Council on June 3rd.

2024 November Fire-EMS Levy

Proposed new 4 mil continuous levy to sufficiently meet the needs of the department for several years

Randy Stiver added:

A matter of significant importance is the fund balances of both the Fire and EMS funds. It was noted than both funds will be operating in the black within a couple of years. This matter was previously discussed by city, township and council personnel. That group looked at a number of options related to placing an Operating Levy on the November ballot. Chief Alldred, Lieutenant Forrer and Randy Stiver Deputy Director of Finance spoke at the German Township meeting in May to provide information on the Fire Levy. The township Trustees wanted to hear back from the Oversight Committee before passing any kind of resolution to place a levy on the November ballot.

After discussing this matter, a motion was made to recommend to the Township that they place a 4-mil continuing operating levy on the November ballot. This levy will generate \$1,184,000 in property tax receipts annually.

The motion passed unanimously. Mark Heistand, representing the Township, will take the recommendation back to the township for consideration at their June Trustee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm