

WRIGHT TALLMADGE FIRE BOARD
JUNE 6, 2023
7:00 PM
WRIGHT TOWNSHIP

7:00 Lenore Cook called the meeting to order.

Members present: Lenore Cook, Adam Taylor, Sharyl Dietrich, and Mark Bennett

Absent: Val Schwallier and Rick Schoenborn

Also present: Mike Gavin and Jon Alkema

OLD BUSINESS

- Motion made by Dietrich and seconded by Taylor to approve the Drug and Alcohol Use Policy.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion made by Dietrich and seconded by Bennett to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2023, meeting.
- Motion made by Taylor and seconded by Dietrich to approve paying the bills for June, July and August.
- Motion made by Dietrich and seconded by Cook to appoint Michael Gavin as Wright-Tallmadge Fire Chief for fiscal year 2023-2024.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT AND UPDATES

- Reports from multiple sources state there will be a big emission updates, with a significant price increases, likely in the \$40,000 range, on fire equipment. Manufacturing is now out 700 days for buying fire equipment.
 - Our original replacement plan was scheduled to replace 1862 in or very close to the 2026 year. The original replacement plan was scheduled to replace 1861 in or very close to the 2032 year. A 3rd tanker, 1863, is the 5000-gallon truck, with the original replacement plan on or very close to 2027. We are looking into possibility of swapping the schedule around. The idea that was mentioned at the meeting was to potentially match 1862 and 1861. With upcoming emissions changes, current inflation rates, and potential cost savings of purchasing two trucks at the same time we feel we must at least look into this. Furthermore, there is a huge operational advantage to having a matched pair of trucks as even the small differences between 1861 and 1862 have created confusion/minor hiccups when responding to emergency calls. With the possibility of moving up the purchase of 1861, we would be looking at pushing back the replacement of 1863. 1863 had a major pump overhaul done about 10 years ago and it

is still in incredibly good shape for the year. With this potential plan, we would be looking at replacing 1863 around 2033.

- Fire Department to form a committee to do due diligence on figuring out options needed for new trucks. They will bring back to the Board for further discussion on ordering, but this still may take several months. Motion made by Taylor and seconded by Dietrich to approve the Fire Department to go ahead on researching this purchase.
 - Trucks to potentially be replaced:

<u>Truck</u>	<u>Current Plan</u>	<u>Potential Plan</u>
#1862-1996 Mac Pumper Tanker	2026	2025
#1861-2003 Mac Pumper Tanker	2032	2025
#1863-1998 5000 gal. Tanker	2027	2033

- Fire Department applying for a grant up to \$20,000, which can be used for PPE items such as fire gear, helmets, nomex hoods, etc.
- It was decided that all Fire Department Policies must be approved by the Board.
- Year-End Report completed and handed out.
- One firefighter received his EMT license in May and two additional firefighters received their EMT licenses in April.
- Six firefighters received their Firefighter 1 and 2 certifications after completing the Fire Academy.
- New firefighters will be recognized at their perspective township's monthly board meeting in July.
- Working on background checks on 4 more new candidates.
- Call volume is up 8.3% year-to-date. There were 411 to date last year and 445 this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharyl Dietrich