

# Valley Fire District Board of Trustees Special Meeting

January 4, 2017

The special meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at the Valley Fire District, located at 5287 Dogwood Drive, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. The following were in attendance.

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| <b>Board Members</b><br>Amy Anderson, Chair<br>Daniel Schneider<br>Richard Slocum | <b>Fire Department</b><br>Chief Riedel | <b>Fire Clerk</b><br>Catherine Anson | <b>Legal Counsel</b><br>Ed Pullekens |
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Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:27 PM.

Attendees discussed the possibility of applying for Round 2 of the Ohio Development Services Agency's Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program. We applied for and were denied in Round 1.

Details of the opportunity:

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| <b>Eligible Projects:</b>   | Purchase of vehicles, equipment, facilities, and/or systems to enhance public safety   |
| <b>Limit:</b>               | \$100,000  |
| <b>Due via online:</b>      | January 6, 2017  |
| <b>Award Notification</b>   | ~ April 2017   |
| <b>Time Period:</b>         | 1 year   |
| <b>Prioritized Scoring:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collaborative/shared purchase</li><li>• Evidence of greater community need</li><li>• Greater cash match</li><li>• Ability to support ongoing costs over time</li></ul> |

Under consideration was using this grant to purchase new radios to use as replacement for the old radios which are upgradable to the new system but no longer easily repairable, if repairable at all.

The board decided not to pursue this grant opportunity for the following reasons:

- We currently have 28 older radios that are not worth upgrading due to an estimated \$2000 per radio cost.
- We will be able to purchase additional older, already upgraded radios from Copley after they cut over to their new radios.
- In addition to eliminating 28 old radios that are too expensive to update, we have 33 older radios that we have purchased the upgrades for to work with the new system.
- We have purchased 5 new radios.
- Riedel confirmed that the life span of the used radios is officially estimated at 10 years from now.
- The recent \$40,000 donation from Paul and Marsha Sergi cannot be used as a match for new radios. Mr. Sergi indicated that an investment in older radios was worthwhile over purchasing new radios.
- Riedel indicated that we should be able to operate with the older radios with our current plan and given the encouragement by Mr. Sergi we won't need to purchase new replacement radios in the near future.

Should Round 3 of the grant program be offered next year, the board would be interested in pursuing funding for a replacement tanker.

**Announcement:** Boston Township is honoring Ed Pullekens for his 30 years of service at their next board meeting, January 11, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Anson, Clerk

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Amy Anderson, Chair