

The Village of Weston

Special Council Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2018

The Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeremy Schroeder at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call of the council members was then taken: Mr. Greg Stevens, Mrs. Sarah Easterwood, Mr. Shad Kendall, Ms. Diane Hillier, Mrs. Penny Taylor. A motion to excuse Mr. Bill Barnhart was made by Mrs. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Easterwood. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

Visitors present were: Ron Tolles, Mark Trumbull, Justin Selders, Kathy Heyman, Cheryl Halter

This special meeting was called to order for discussion and probable action on an application for the Weston Fire Department to participate in the 2017 Wood County Fire and EMS Agencies, Assistance to Firefighters Regional Communications grant application for the purpose of purchasing MARCS equipment. Pemberville Freedom Township fire department will handle all the administrative requirements of the grant application. A 10% match of funds will be required from each participating agency for their requested equipment. Fire Chief Justin Selders said this grant would be covering the equipment they already have and the service on these radios does not start until they are activated. The 10% match of funds would be split between Weston Village, 5% and Weston Township, 5%. Chief Selders shared potential costs based on last year's numbers which were estimated \$150,873 for fire and \$26,596 for EMS. Mark Trumbull shared that the estimated cost for Fire Department would be an estimated \$7500 but with increasing costs it may be 10% higher than last year. EMS Chief Kathy Heyman said she never got a copy of the grant, Chief Selders said he will find out if EMS is included in the grant. Mr. Greg Stevens asked about the service fees on the radios per year. Chief Selders said the radio service fee is \$10 per radio per month. Ron Tolles said that the MARCS radios have better service than other paging systems and will eventually all switch over to MARCS. The grant is typically awarded about a year from the time the application is submitted, Chief Selders mentioned about 16-18 months.

Mr. Shad Kendall made a motion for Weston Fire Department to participate in the Assistance to Firefighters grant application and also include the EMS Department in the agreement, seconded by Mrs. Penny Taylor. Approved - 5, Opposed - 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Jeremy Schroeder, Mayor

Stephanie Monts, Clerk