

Richfield Village Council Safety Committee

Minutes of the June 30, 2021 Meeting

Called to order at 6:00 p.m. June 16, 2021, RFD Conference Room

Roll call: Jeff Stoppenhagen, Bobbie Beshara, Gary Domanick

Guests: Mayor Wheeler, Chief Seifert, Chief Swanson, AC Fister, Tim Baker, Dave Zeigler & Donny Bastulli from Johnson Controls.

POLICE

Chief Swanson reviewed the history of the jail control panels and what's wrong with them. Then Chief Morgan got the original cost to replace the system, and Council at the time deemed it too expensive. He talked to Director Papp and \$20,000 was set aside for repairs. The controls have been repaired once already.

Swanson met with GPD about replacing the controls. Just the engineering was estimated at over \$51,000 with a total spend of \$500,000. GPD feels we would be throwing money away with the current system, as they feel it will be obsolete in five years.

Johnson Controls quoted \$144,000 in 2018 to upgrade the system. Zeigler explained that they would replace the user interface and all moving parts that have worn out. The upgrade is a fully modular system with touch screens and will replace the large control boxes with new technology. The components are from Allen Bradley, not Johnson Controls.

Tim Baker explained that the engineering is half of the Johnson Controls price. We used an outside contractor previously to fix it and it worked for a time. The Sally Port doors are controlled by push buttons that circumvent the control panel due to age. A man door was unlocked for three days due to a power interruption. It's just a matter of time until the entire system fails and we cannot use the jail.

Zeigler explained the upgrade is a turnkey system; the jail will be down for a week for installation. Macedonia will be used as our jail during the installation. Johnson Control will take 4-6 months from approval to get it designed and installed. All but the one week will be the Johnson Control division in Alabama planning, engineering, and constructing the system. It will be completely built and tested, then unassembled and moved to Richfield for installation.

Domanick asked about a warranty. Zeigler said it was one year and an extended service plan was available and would cover the system. Mayor Wheeler said any failure would most likely come in the first 90 days and would be fully covered.

Zeigler said the 2021 cost was \$147,995.67. They would provide a breakdown so we knew what all of the elements cost. There was a no-interest payment plan; the Village would pay as the project progressed, so it's not a one-time payment of \$148,000.

Beshara noted this was a state bid and did not require competitive bids.

Beshara made a motion for the Safety Committee to present the bid of \$147,995.67 to Council through legislation. Domanick seconded and the Committee vote was unanimous. Tim Baker said he would get with Law Director Cortes to get legislation before Council.

2022 Capital budget items were discussed, including:

Replacing the 2008 Voice Recording/Logger. The system has been fixed twice and isn't going to last. Getting information for lawyers and/or court is difficult. The new system has an instant recall feature and is much easier to work with. The cost will be \$22,169 + 3 percent contingency and will be honored in 2022. This is State Bid. A motion will be made to Council to add it to the 2022 Budget.

LLA Upgrade Software. This is a two-part authentication system to prevent our radios from being cloned and used by an outside person/group. *The state is requiring* an LLA Upgrade by 2025. There is a promotion going that is \$150/radio, which is a 15% savings. The total for the upgrade is \$22,000 and will be a 2022 Capital Budget item.

Replacement PD cruisers. Two cruisers need to be cycled out in 2022; both have high miles. We will be looking at Explorers again. PD would like to order in January 2022 and this will be a 2022 Capital Budget item.

New carpet and furniture. The carpet is 20 years old and needs replaced. The furniture is pressboard and will fall apart when moved to replace the carpet. The offices will be done first and the hallways second. The new furniture should be metal and not pressboard. Cost will be between \$25,000 and \$45,000 and will be included in the 2022 Capital Budget.

NIXLE. This is a platform for residents to receive information and emergency alerts by text or email. The \$2,900/year cost has been approved by the Mayor.

Training. PD has spent approximately \$16,000 on training for patrol and dispatch. A lot of the Dispatch training has been virtual due to COVID. PD will ask Council for additional training budget in 2022.

FIRE

Chief Seifert reviewed the Strategic Plan including updates on the following:

1. Comprehensive health and wellness, which included UH doing a cancer screening and calcium scoring of both FD and PD.
2. Cancer prevention related to in-house exposure will be helped by the installation of the exhaust removal system. The install of six units will begin in July. A second set of turn-out gear was acquired for all full-time personnel.
3. Evaluation of the facility, equipment and technology for effectiveness. The flooring of the equipment bays was redone and includes a non-slip surface. The carpet and vinyl flooring is almost done being installed, and the installation of the pre-alert system will help reduce stress-related issues.
4. Staffing analysis shows that an Assistant Chief and part-time worker to give a fourth member on shift will help to give the community the necessary staffing. The new Med unit is on order. A new engine is targeted to be ordered in the fall of 2022 for delivery in 2023.
5. & 6. Partnering with UH on the Community Health projects helps to keep the FD programs current and relevant, increases operational effectiveness, and keeps costs down.
7. Chief is talking to Brecksville and Granger to expand the automatic response plan.


The main capital project for 2022 will be the new engine. We have around \$500,000 in the account and will need \$700,000 to \$800,000. Pierce, Sutphin and Rosenbauer are the companies we could look to for the engine; Pierce would be the first choice.

Chief Seifert went over how a fourth member on shift would reduce overtime, even with asking for an additional \$17,000 to cover calls and training. At the end of July, he will have better information on cost vs. time analysis.

As of 6/30/21 we were equal to the number of runs through the end of July 2020 and we were only 50 calls behind Bath. Bath has 5 people per shift; we have 3.

We're getting a lot of second and third calls recently, around 70 calls so far. A fourth person would give us better coverage on those back-to-back runs.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



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