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SPEAKERS

Jeff (51%), Ralph (18%), John (12%), Chief Arnold (11%), Nicholas (6%), Robyn (3%)

Ralph Horn, Trustee 00:05

So, we will continue on with our meeting now a from assistant chief Arnold has just arrived 2:15pm. And so, we will continue with our budget meetings, so who wants to lead off, Jeff? He will, you will lead all staff will ya Jeff. Okay.

Jeff Wilcheck 00:33

I passed up the documents for the fire budget that we we've been working on the short letter size. The first page is a high-level summary of the proposed budget for 2022. As you can see, we've got fire EMS fund, we have a safer grant that's coming in next year, it's actually the start for

John Fleshman, Trustee 00:59

are these two the same?

Jeff Wilcheck 01:02

What's it says, look at the top

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:04

they both say the same thing it says Franklin Township

Jeff Wilcheck 01:07

you get somebody else's copy

John Fleshman, Trustee 01:09

Okay. I was trying to figure out what's the difference.

Jeff Wilcheck 01:13

So, we get four funds that come into play with fire department actually, there's a fifth fund, but that's for a capital project relating to the exhaust system it to two stations, that's not part of this, but it doesn't have anything going forward. Okay. So, we got fire EMS, the safer grant, the safer grant is for three-year period. And that will actually start in December, they'll end up with one pay in December on that

one. So, we'll be coming back to set up the preparations for one pay in December on the safer grant. Yes. And then we have the fun, that verse is setting aside dollars to replace an EMS vehicle every three years. Let's pay just beyond behind that. The same information, but it's back in more detail. And it's in the same detail as our big budget worksheets. Except it only covers the budget year. So, you can see in more detail where the dollars are being spent. And proposed expenditure expenditures, okay. I guess things with fire departments and if you want to chime in or start, that's fine, you're fine. I think we've got some problems with Fire Department long term. If you were to look at the five-year projection worksheet for fire, and you go down to page five, take a jump to the bad news first. But and you look at the last line fund balance going into 2024 starting to run short on funds.

John Fleshman, Trustee 03:12

And that's about the time this new levy is currently up too, correct

Chief Arnold, Fire 03:16

I think the levy is specifically through 25.

Jeff Wilcheck 03:21

The other thing that happens the first of 2025. The 10 firefighters hired under the safer grant that grant ends early 2025. So, either you lose 10 firefighters, or you find another you find a way of keeping them on with additional dollars.

John Fleshman, Trustee 03:43

So, my question would be eventually, what would it look like if we were doing a township collectively as township wide levee where it does away with all the other levies and brings in all the other entities that take to, in theory, bring down the cost?

Jeff Wilcheck 04:02

I don't know what the millage would be

John Fleshman, Trustee 04:03

right, we have no idea but that's the only other without what because without trying to pass a higher Levy. Then we would have to look at other sources.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 04:17

We Arnold correct me if I'm wrong, but after three years, can we try another safer grant to work?

Jeff Wilcheck 04:26

So, the problem with

Chief Arnold, Fire 04:29

we certainly can but the way the funding is 24-25 We would have to increase the number of people on that safer grant to stay where we're at with the safer grant right now

John Fleshman, Trustee 04:42

How many people Yeah, how many more?

Chief Arnold, Fire 04:46

If you go back and like if we didn't pass another temporary levy to anyone we have. We're down to 20 firemen which is one station, one engine one medic.

Jeff Wilcheck 04:58

So, the other side that goes with it. As you may qualify for another safer grant, typically the grant requires you to hire new firefighters.

John Fleshman, Trustee 05:07

Right, right. And the reason we were able to do this is because we didn't replace the nutrition of the ones that have found greener grass. Yes. So, we going back to I know one of the meetings, I don't know if this is the correct time to get clarification. I forget the word you used. But basically, if I'm correct, people that sought other employment somewhere else, is why we were down 10 people, correct? Yes. So basically, we didn't fill the positions at that time. But the reason, the reason we had those positions available, people decided to seek employment elsewhere long around

Ralph Horn, Trustee 05:53

, what we basically did is basically offered for the chief to key to kind of phase someone

John Fleshman, Trustee 06:00

Well, we didn't phase anybody out. I mean, we just didn't fill those positions right away

Chief Arnold, Fire 06:04

we would have had to

John Fleshman, Trustee 06:07

the clarification I'm trying to get, sir, is that we did not lay anybody off. People left on your own. We didn't ask them to leave. They found other employment somewhere else.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 06:18

Well, there wasn't 100% of what

Chief Arnold, Fire 06:20

Basically, but our budget would not have held.

John Fleshman, Trustee 06:22

Right. But I'm still right. But it was by their choice that they left.

Chief Arnold, Fire 06:26

Yes.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 06:28

No, not necessarily all.

John Fleshman, Trustee 06:30

That Well, we didn't tell him to leave. Well, I mean, they decided right. I know what you're saying. Yeah.

Chief Arnold, Fire 06:37

They saw the writing on the wall.

John Fleshman, Trustee 06:38

Right. Right,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 06:39

there was warning feeds. And we had a hearing on it matter fact.

John Fleshman, Trustee 06:43

Well, yeah, that I remember that. That was that's what they did. Right. Right.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 06:47

So, I don't know. Beyond that.

John Fleshman, Trustee 06:51

Yeah, yeah. But that's totally. Anyways, go ahead apologize

Ralph Horn, Trustee 06:56

but it wasn't 100%, ya no I don't know the fact that meant the safer grant or anything you know

Chief Arnold, Fire 07:07

yes. So, I mean, just from these numbers, we have to look at doing something in 2024. Whether it's just another temporary lobby and try to maintain 10 safer guys. I have not because we have been in that situation yet. looked at how do you retain safer grants? Going? Sure, past the end date. So, let's have a look at the next couple of years.

John Fleshman, Trustee 07:31

And you know, who knows, we may find something in this new \$10 trillion, whatever it was, that we would be able to put into that. You know, who knows? But we haven't had to work on it.

Chief Arnold, Fire 07:43

For sure. They have funding available in Congress, they're just working out how they're going to do it for building new fire stations. So, a lot of money that's gonna go out. Sure. And we fit like, like, typical, we fit right into the mold of what they want

John Fleshman, Trustee 08:01

well the ages of buildings. Yeah.

Chief Arnold, Fire 08:07

So, there's still there's going to be grants out there. We're still working on?

Ralph Horn, Trustee 08:14

Well, I think probably, from my perspective, way everything is currently structured. I think it will be it'll be a never-ending battle. Yeah. Lesson for money all the time. Now, the only thing that I've been saying is for fact the federal government decide to actually recognize the fact that these are placed in fire are necessities or unnecessary services. When they recognize that and try to help remedy some of the shortfalls that we have if you make 50 firefighters where they help like they did in this case subsidized down or what will they do think that we had time tail but I don't know there's got to be some way to get some sort of plan laid out if you were not granted that they got to Facebook, like far but in big trouble right now. So there has to be some photo programs or something. And right now, those people in our township that are actually celebrating the loss of our police levy right now I'm getting a few emails here now. yay yay yay no more taxes and things like that. I know I've talked a little bit to see her and run a few thoughts through his head. We talked a little bit about different things your I don't know what? To sustain the coverages in the service that we have. We're gonna we're gonna have to be real. Your trustees and tactician are here for sure.

Jeff Wilcheck 10:34

Right now, a mill generates approximately \$200,000. So, you can calculate from their millage, roughly that's needed to. Yeah. So, is that unrealistic? More than likely? So, what are the alternatives? Good ones got to figure that out. I'm just looking at the fire levy fund itself. Police and Fire because they live on voted property tax levy. They're just like school districts that are living on a fixed income, correct. The voter property tax levy is only going to generate so many dollars each year, there is very little growth that occurs in that because many years ago, the state implemented reduction factors to deal with inflation. As values increase, the reduction factors kick in, and reduce the levy downward. So that a generates approximately the same dollars every year. That's why both the services here and school districts are constantly after property tax levy.

John Fleshman, Trustee 11:49

So, one thing that makes it very difficult is to try to operate a business on a time levy versus a permanent Levy. And that's where, even like with what we're seeing now, you know, once you cut that revenue source totally, everything comes to a stop

Jeff Wilcheck 12:11

the life of the permanent levy is going to be limited to you're only going to be able to survive so long before we have to ask for more money

Ralph Horn, Trustee 12:18

on our last in the last way, we requested everything. That's why when, myself and cook and you were here. And I remember having a debate and argument will cook if you are not going to pass on the levy right now you're not, you're not you're not

Jeff Wilcheck 12:39

I think until

Ralph Horn, Trustee 12:41

we recall that. So, we made a decision to pull in the five-year levees really when the police and fire both Well, they both pass now. So essentially what that did is that bought us on time. And that's all our favorite advice. Now there was indicators from some of the residents that oppose that really, they're just opposed any levies pretty much. I mean, it doesn't have anything to do with you. They don't want to pay more money here. He so there you go, you've got that situation there. And so, we voted five, five years' time, they're pretty much what we've done now. Barely. And we kind of stopped there. We didn't look for any other alternatives beyond that other than this time or own as long as you got the money, you got the money bah bah, bah, you know. I don't know. But I think there should have been. If nothing else, we probably should have hired somebody to investigate and see, okay, the oldest five-year-old settlement is really the only thing you can do

Jeff Wilcheck 14:03

Well, you've got two years to figure out what you're going to do with no fire department. Pretty good. And really, I think you got to have a plan in place before that, you know, because you got to be able to explain to the residents what's going on service wise. And why and find out what level of service they really want. Because the unfortunate side is with the economy today, the inflation that's taking place, price increases that we're all seeing

John Fleshman, Trustee 14:36

that has no we have no vote on.

Jeff Wilcheck 14:39

Correct, your people are beginning to feel it and you may not get a levy pass for a couple years now. Right. So yeah, a couple of things want to point out with fire levee. If you look at, I'm on the first page of the projection here, right. There's this slight increase built in for property taxes. What I can tell you is, if you look at the actual 420, for this year, we're at \$3.4 million. We will not get any more for the rest of the year, property taxes come in twice a year. That's it. The budget commission put us at 3.3 million 3.386. For next year, they always estimate low and initially on the certificate between the tax budget timeframe and year end, mended certificate that will come in next year. That number I anticipate to be above 3.4 million that is shown as actual 421. So that will help out the bottom line a little bit. But it's not going to extend us out any additional years. The other thing that's in here, under inter-governmental you have other state receipts cat tax, that the cat taxes the commercial activity tax. That tax came into play many years ago when the state started phasing out personal property taxes. The cat tax has been being phased out. I don't expect it to exist beyond 22.

John Fleshman, Trustee 16:21

That was a million dollars at One time

Jeff Wilcheck 16:24

Back in 18. If I won't tell you that's correct. I can tell you it's not what I can't tell you is 20 and 21. Those numbers are correct. I know there was mistakes made back in 18 and 19. Because I've corrected for

ready. Okay. But again, you've lost some revenue there. And no matter what, when you live in on property taxes, any loss of revenue for the fire contract that you had with Valley View is not renewed. That was \$20,000 a year. So that's gone. In this year, we picked up 20,000 Plus what the owed from a prior period. So that's why you see 40,000 There. Okay. If you scroll on down in 2020, the fire department picked up a half million dollars off the cares, Grant. What 20 That's the 527,000 there. That was a big help for the fire department. Police also benefited from it. Okay, that's not happening again. All right.

John Fleshman, Trustee 17:42

Where are we at with the other monies that we're holding on to the 500,000, whatever it's called.

Jeff Wilcheck 17:49

We're going to do two things, and that will more than likely come to you in first next year. Okay. The township under the American rescue plan received half a million dollars a couple months ago. And the second half million dollars will come in September next year.

John Fleshman, Trustee 18:08

Okay,

Jeff Wilcheck 18:08

there are restrictions for

John Fleshman, Trustee 18:11

September 22, I think is what I remember reading.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 18:14

That's in the fall,

Jeff Wilcheck 18:15

September, yes. So, there are restrictions on what those dollars can be used for. And they're hard to meet at times. One thing we can do and I started to do it is look at lost revenue in 20 and 21, more 20 brief conversation with legal console had to send me off in a different direction than what I started looking at. Because they're looking at the lost revenue, entity wide, not specific sources. So that complicates how this comes back into play. And when you look at the lost revenue, you also have to make certain that the reduction in revenue has not been because of changes in statutes. In other words, if the state implemented a change in the law that resulted in a decline in the revenue, that's not a decline because of COVID,

John Fleshman, Trustee 19:11

right, because that would be like CAT tax.

Jeff Wilcheck 19:14

It's complicated things so we've got an extended period to figure out how to deal with these dollars. And that's something we'll look at in the first part of next year. Because we get two pools of money to look at. Okay.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 19:29

And just to kind of top off on that. I mean, we have, I think it's until 26 actually spend those monies or time so we have, we have plenty of time. We just feel felt that you know, right now this is a little bit more important than making sure everything is established for 22. And once we have everything set, Jeff and I will sit down and we'll go over things with legal counsel and things of that nature too. And just so the board also knows, whenever legal counsel or Jeff is looking at AARP comp. So, it will come out of that. And the residents have what they pay for. Okay.

Jeff Wilcheck 20:07

And outside of reading a few lengthy documents right now, that's as far as I got in initially starting to look at the lost revenue. But again, budgets come back into play. So that's the priority first, as we close 2021 and open 2022, that takes priority first to get that done. And report to get done, you get w twos 1090 nines, close that one year open up another year. So, there's a lot of activities going on December, January, February, hopefully, latter part of first part of February is where most should be able to get to look at this, because we'll get past most of the year end requirements and all the tax returns that have to be completed and filed to. So. Again, we sat with the two chiefs, and worked out calculation on the wages and benefits. And that's what's presented here. Those are calculations, we expect to be pretty much on the nose with this. The things that may come into play in and vary a little bit would be some of the payouts for comp time and holiday. comp time is really, it's something unique to fire departments, it's Garcia time. and Garcia time started at the federal government level and filtered down, there's no escaping the Garcia time you end up paying for it no matter what it's essentially a form of overtime. Their holiday times

Ralph Horn, Trustee 21:47

I call it bonus is what I call it

Jeff Wilcheck 21:49

their holiday time that their allotted is put in a bank at the first of the year, they can use it when the holiday comes around, they can cash it in either way, they get paid for it, there's nothing we can do to get around that one. So that's that's what's taking place in those two. Your sick leave and vacation pay offs are for someone who retired. Someone who separates from employment would and has vacation on the books, it has to be paid out. The only way they get sick leave paid out is upon retirement.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer

Question Jeff, did you when you did your conversations about how comp time or sick time can be converted to comp time, did you talk to him about including that in the budget? That's a benefit. Because there's certain amount of time and if they've been good and its part of their wellness?

Chief Arnold, Fire 22:46

Yeah, I think it's added into the comp time.

Jeff Wilcheck 22:50

So, it's because things capture to you to tell your guys that might qualify me it's based on their wellness that attending and not being sick if they get it but it's based on years of service. There's a whole bunch of parameters in that. I know we've had several that have moved 80 hours or whatever it 40 Whatever it is from sick over to comp and then cashed it out. I didn't know if that was captured in this conversation. Specifically, No.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 23:18

Okay.

Jeff Wilcheck 23:19

The bigger chunk is the Garcia. Okay. In the holiday,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 23:23

what, what did you say Jeff

John Fleshman, Trustee 23:25

Garcia

Ralph Horn, Trustee 23:26

Biggest chunk.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 23:27

That's fronted at the beginning of the year

Jeff Wilcheck 23:28

Garcia Holiday. what we are seeing as far as the actual on the payouts. And I know December's going to change that. We haven't seen a great deal of it yet. So, whether that's had a really big effect on these numbers, I can't tell you. Okay, that's something we'll work to get it as payroll comes around, and when it starts to happen, we'll see if we can get a feel for the hours on that. Okay, well, just depends on where they fall. So many hours

Chief Arnold, Fire 23:58

in there,

Jeff Wilcheck 23:59

but that should show up on the leave reports. Within the accounting system. You're gonna transfer from sick to comp,

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 24:06

right, and it shows in UAN

Jeff Wilcheck 24:08

Okay, so we could probably run a report after you're in and see what's really taking place.

Robyn Watkins, Asst. Fiscal Officer 24:11

Look at the notes, you'll see.

Jeff Wilcheck 24:13

This might be the first year we actually have a chance to do that. So okay. Just a couple of things that look a little out of the ordinary. And I think chief could probably elaborate a little more on it. Maybe we're tied to Columbus when it comes to each letter of communications. And there was a change that took place. There's a \$5,000 bill setting out there because of the change Columbus made that we may have to pay. We don't know that for sure yet. We're waiting. Okay.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 24:52

I can elaborate on that. So, and you and I could actually because we the issue here is you're wanting to a fiber line, but more effective, and things of that nature, but we're at the mercy of the City of Columbus putting in an order for them to come out and do it. So, in the meantime, we are continuing to accrue late costs, etc., etc. There's nothing that we can really do about it until they get this new line put in there. We have had extensive conversations with at&t, their representative, they did threaten disconnect not long ago, but we took care of that. Because we told him, this is a 911 line. And they told us to pay an X amount each month, which is what we've been doing. And now that they're wanting to try to misconstrue that, we're not going to allow that. And whenever they get a chance to whatever club is gets that order put in and we get that line switched, and then they will go in and fix the bill to what it should be. But there is a chance to a portion of this will have to be paid. So that's why you see, you know, the budget line item there under that, that tells them maybe a little bit higher than what it should be for the time being until we know what, how that's gonna shake out. Is there anything we'll add on to that? Arnold?

Chief Arnold, Fire 26:13

just to put that in reference, even though it's 5000, it seems like a decent amount of money, we pay roughly 1000 \$1,100 a month in dispatching fees. And when chief Welch looked at a different dispatching system, which Grove City uses and Norwich and a couple there was \$230,000.

John Fleshman, Trustee 26:13

Wow.

Chief Arnold, Fire 26:14

So, you're looking at \$12,000 This \$15,000 fee for dispatching that Columbus charges right now to 230,000 because of the setup fees, if you initiate right out of the gate plus substantially more money for them to dispatch

Ralph Horn, Trustee 26:51

I remember when that thing was implemented that it got super ugly, I feel bad. For one thing you remember when John prairie township lost there...

John Fleshman, Trustee 27:09

Yes, there 911

Ralph Horn, Trustee 27:14

So, it went to Grove City, apparently gained control of that, they actually

Chief Arnold, Fire 27:25

they dispatch theirs

Ralph Horn, Trustee 27:27

Jim Welch himself talked about that some, but it was pretty ugly at that time

Chief Arnold, Fire 27:29

It is bananas, The cost difference.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 27:31

So, with that said, you know, even as other services are more expensive. Let's just stick this out. And

John Fleshman, Trustee 27:38

sure. Obviously, the 5000 Like you said, you've been paying X amount of money, and etc., in good faith. So, I mean, to tune it over \$200,000, \$5,000 Isn't isn't that bad? Yeah.

Jeff Wilcheck 27:53

Yes. One other large change that is coming about for next year. And this is more because the billing company's kind of for EMS services as enlightened us a little bit as to just what we're getting reimbursed for. The Billings that take place for EMS runs that that are out there are for transport, transporting, it does not cover all the consumption of medical equipment or medical supplies. Sure. So that has that can have an has an adverse effect on EMS funds. So, we've had to pull the medical supplies over the fire Levy. And because of increases in prices, and so on, that's actually expected to go up about 20,000 next year. And we're at \$80,000 right now. Now, maybe some things will change and we won't hit that but that is a major change. That's in the budget for

Ralph Horn, Trustee 28:53

honestly, one of the biggest complaints that I have about our part is we don't get paid. We do get paid some to some degree, but I believe as I recall, she well she had told me that we were in the red about a million dollars a year on those runs

John Fleshman, Trustee 29:15

on mutual aid runs

Jeff Wilcheck 29:16

he's talking about Columbus not paying all the runs we're making Columbus we're making versus counter runs transport geek pay for

Chief Arnold, Fire 29:27

Oh yeah.

John Fleshman, Trustee 29:27

Because our Labor's how you want to add this run out the guys are still there, right? What we're burning fuel and putting miles on 4 million rough right at a million dollars a year for mutual aid. That building into the city of Columbus.

Chief Arnold, Fire 29:44

If we run if we transport an EMS run, no matter who we run on, it gets build the same

John Fleshman, Trustee 29:50

Okay. So, Columbus that we're seeing that's not broke down over so

Chief Arnold, Fire 29:55

if we took away all the Columbus rounds which are 80% of our runs,

John Fleshman, Trustee 29:59

right so 80% of a million dollars

Chief Arnold, Fire 30:01

we would get 80% less revenue of \$200,000

John Fleshman, Trustee 30:04

Right?

Chief Arnold, Fire 30:04

Yeah yeah, a million dollars in revenue from that would go to \$200,000

John Fleshman, Trustee 30:07

so, we were looking at something 800,000 A year just from the city

Ralph Horn, Trustee 30:12

oh, were certain, we're getting them in the red there

John Fleshman, Trustee 30:14

or that wouldn't be in red would it

Chief Arnold, Fire 30:16

that would be in the black

John Fleshman, Trustee 30:17

that's what I say in red would be deficit Black, Red would be positive. So yeah,

Chief Arnold, Fire 30:23

like a medic still does not make money if you count what it takes to staff that truck

John Fleshman, Trustee 30:28

absolutely equipped outright you take that away you're gonna notice it

Ralph Horn, Trustee 30:31

however, if you're not compensated for your equipment and all that kind of stuff. You won't but anyway, you take it you won't be and

Jeff Wilcheck 30:38

I'll just the medical supplies to get consumed on run. Rather, they're not cheap. So, there is some capital out there for next year. Replacement of a vehicle for the chief for recall I believe the suburban that Welch's running around him was used vehicle from Arlington. So, it's seen its days

John Fleshman, Trustee 31:06

and we had to put a transmission in it right away. And so as good of a deal is what we thought it was gonna be. No,

Chief Arnold, Fire 31:15

I was actually looking to replace Todd's

Ralph Horn, Trustee 31:18

Todd

John Fleshman, Trustee 31:18

vehicle

Chief Arnold, Fire 31:19

vehicle because that Jeep is over ten years old now and with the cancer preventative recommendations out there now they want his fire gear completely separated from himself. So, you're not driving around with

John Fleshman, Trustee 31:34

agents in the air?

Chief Arnold, Fire 31:38

It can be it just depends on what if Todd wants Chaz's truck, this one I'm driving around now. If that works out for Todd best and we can just get an SUV

John Fleshman, Trustee 31:47

How many miles is on that truck.

Chief Arnold, Fire 31:49

30,000

John Fleshman, Trustee 31:49

I know. We I know. We get that for Chaz was able to get that in a very great rate

Chief Arnold, Fire 31:54

Yeah.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 31:55

Fairly low mileage on that one.

Chief Arnold, Fire 31:59

I don't know what's on that suburban but that thing is it's gonna die

Ralph Horn, Trustee 32:04

You have, you have the one that chief Welch had?

Chief Arnold, Fire 32:07

Yeah, the Suburban. It's just sitting at 192 right now, I'm driving Chaz's. F1 50. the one they got for him.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 32:16

Yeah, I've ridden in chief Welch, when we do a lot of run around. His was a decent car of course that's been, wasn't last year for sure. 2 years ago

Jeff Wilcheck 32:35

Got a couple ideas on how we might be able to work something they're looking look into that next year. Either way, we will we will pick something up off of state term schedules. So, well, that way we don't have to go through a bid process or anything. Right. Okay. But I have a couple other ideas that might have to look into that might help. Okay. Want to draw your attention to the encumbrance column for this current year? There's a \$65,000 number there. The bulk of that is turnout gear that had to be ordered for the new firefighters under the safer grant.

John Fleshman, Trustee 33:20

Wouldn't that also be covered?

Jeff Wilcheck 33:22

Nope. wages and benefits only

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 33:25

Hey, Jeff, I think you're talking about the line above that is the \$65,000 for the fire truck that just got replaced.

Jeff Wilcheck 33:35

Oh, I'm sorry.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 33:38

The \$65,000-line item that you see

Jeff Wilcheck 33:40

Yes. I was thinking right, but I got the little piece you guys will actually sign off on appeal and there is turnout gear to be ordered. Because the cutoff was 10 to 31 on the actuals. Here, it doesn't reflect the purchase order for the turnout gear. Okay, but that has to take place. And look we've got the equipment when we when these guys start. If you look down under other funding sources and uses you'll see a \$75,000 number there. We will have to advance money to the safer grant so that we have cash there to pay the wages and benefits as we move forward with that grant will pay back at the end of the grant 75,000 will come back into the fire levy fund. But that will be in 2024 roughly. So, but I wanted to bring your attention to that that will be asked for in in December. Okay. Again, we pointed out the fund balance issue with the fire levy fund that's the easiest thing to say they're EMS emergency medical services fun. We may not hit the million dollars this year, I think we're gonna hit about 875 on that, or I'm sorry, nine 915 to 975. Okay. We've had a couple of months where we spiked up at 590. Yeah, but for the most part, we're hanging right around 7580 on that one. So again, same scenario with the wages and benefits here. They've been calculated. There are five firefighters, medics to be paid out of EMS next year. 29 in the fire levy fund and 10 over in the safer. Okay. Nothing unusual in EMS fund. And I did point out with the little box that we move the medical supplies over the fire levee. Okay. Again, if we look at Oh. On page four, you'll notice there are transfers out of the medical EMS fund at 75 Each year, that's a transfer representing 1/3 The cost of the new vehicle going over to the EMS vehicle replacement fund. So, we're accumulating the cash over there to pay for a new vehicle out three years. If things change, and you go down to one station instead of two, it's going to change the scenario on this for sure. Okay. Because you won't need three medics floating around here.

Chief Arnold, Fire 36:45

If the if every medic is like this one right next door. Like that's gonna go well past three years. Probably well past six years.

Jeff Wilcheck 36:54

Hopefully we get six because we're rotating.

Chief Arnold, Fire 36:57

Yeah. So, we may not have to wear one every three years. But it's good to have it in there.

John Fleshman, Trustee 37:04

Yeah, I was gonna say if we could because we can always keep it and then sell it.

Chief Arnold, Fire 37:09

Correct.

Jeff Wilcheck 37:10

Yes,

John Fleshman, Trustee 37:10

there're options that we can do with that

Jeff Wilcheck 37:12

there is a third medic that's held in reserve for when ones out right now.

John Fleshman, Trustee 37:15

Right. And that's always best

Chief Arnold, Fire 37:17

This plan this way better because our extra medic now is over 10 years old and

John Fleshman, Trustee 37:22

Right. But eventually since we go to the next medic then we get to where the third medic is going to be a nice medic. Yeah, yes. Oh, low on maintenance. And

Chief Arnold, Fire 37:31

that should hit this year because at some point, the beginning of this year our new medic that was paid for sure to that cares funding will be delivered. Okay. Important is making a big deal out of that, right. They it was there, they picked us to be there 20,000 struck off the line because they wanted to be local, and I think frankly, was like third medic prairie and one for Columbus. And we're super excited about

Jeff Wilcheck 37:58

there is actually a medic to that we have one more debt service payment on that will take place in 2020. And then that's paid off. Now, I'm down to page four of the EMS, EMS funds. fund balance for EMS. Through 2024 is holding Okay, and they just say okay, we don't know what's going to happen 24 or 25 or 26. But we've got some time to work with this. And this fun really works in conjunction with the fire levee fund. So, we can control the expenditures over on this side by simply shifting a firefighter back to fire loving doesn't help fire Levy. We can also take a more expensive guy out of here and switch him with the cheaper guy over in first. Let the Fund helps out. So, we got some things to balance

John Fleshman, Trustee 38:58

we can make it stretch longer

Jeff Wilcheck 39:01

But again, it's okay but I won't go any further.

John Fleshman, Trustee 39:05

Okay, just to give you a heads up, we got 5 'til

Jeff Wilcheck 39:09

I know, I'm wrapping up here. Safer grant we threw in the projections going out through 2025, early 2025 that grant is done. And that will be the tail end of firefighters there until we figure out something

okay and then the last one very last page is the EMS vehicle replacement fund and that just shows the transfers coming in 2024 would be the year in which you encumber or order a new vehicle. And I showed that out in the capital outlet.

John Fleshman, Trustee 39:47

So, our budget is Basically it's like 6 million for you guys. 5 7 something

Jeff Wilcheck 39:51

5.6 million

John Fleshman, Trustee 39:52

I'm sorry.

Jeff Wilcheck 39:53

5.6 million Yeah.

John Fleshman, Trustee 39:58

probably, 10 million So that's our biggest chunk

Jeff Wilcheck 40:01

yes

Ralph Horn, Trustee 40:02

sure, what the exact number was all our major purchases to appropriate this will be one of May, is that correct?

Jeff Wilcheck 40:12

not until 2024

John Fleshman, Trustee 40:17

Thanks to the CARES Act that we got one coming

Chief Arnold, Fire 40:22

is it gonna be just like the other medics to me just like this one next door.

John Fleshman, Trustee 40:25

Okay, well that was it we didn't

Ralph Horn, Trustee 40:27

Yeah so, we don't have any medic well, we'll have a new medic order here and

John Fleshman, Trustee 40:43

it's already ordered

Jeff Wilcheck 40:44

should be there's one order right now. From the CARES Act money Sir, Okay. Oh, okay. Gotcha. CARES Act was not used for that

Chief Arnold, Fire 40:52

Oh, I thought it was

Jeff Wilcheck 40:53

No, that medic was bought out of EMS money

Ralph Horn, Trustee 40:57

what's our liability on the engine 193 right now you know when that's

Jeff Wilcheck 41:06

That invoice is coming in. Nick mentioned that earlier on.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 41:11

There should have been a check tonight

Chief Arnold, Fire 41:16

is back in it looks good. It's what is back and it looks good. It looks like they did what they said they're gonna do

Ralph Horn, Trustee 41:22

. What is our we had our I think our annual payment was something like 90 Sometimes

Jeff Wilcheck 41:32

it is and it's in general fund. When we get down to administration,

Ralph Horn, Trustee 41:36

when do we have We have that paid out.

Jeff Wilcheck 41:40

I think I think you get three years yet. 2024 is last year.

Ralph Horn, Trustee 41:45

yeah, I think it is 2 years.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 41:48

right. Let me see if there any questions on Zoom? Any questions from the audience?

John Fleshman, Trustee 41:55

Should we go on break again? Yeah. Okay.

Nicholas Dunn, Fiscal Officer 41:58

Short break I don't see Anybody unmuting at this time