

EXHIBIT "G"

Agenda Item 7.0 July 12, 2007

Costs to Form a Joint Fire District For Windham Township and Windham Village

Result of Survey of Joint Fire District Clerks

- Newton Falls Township / City
- Nelson / Freedom / Garrettsville
- Mantua / Shalersville

First to address the suggestions from
Dann Timmons the Windham Township Trustees
Chairman:

1. Administrative Costs – Pay to Fire Board Members and the Fiscal Officer or Clerk

Windham Township
Trustees and Clerk Salaries
Are paid from the Township
funds. No additional costs
to Trustees and Clerk

Joint Fire Districts Board Members
The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) allows
up to \$35.00 per meeting with a maximum
of 15 meetings a year. Maximum pay
for 3 board members = \$1575/year.
Maximum pay for 5 board members = \$2625/year

Note: Some Joint Fire Board (JFB) Members waive their \$35.00 fee and some JFB reduce their monthly fee to less than \$35.00.

Maximum potential cost for 3 board members = \$1575/year (\$787.00 Township and \$787.00 Village)

Maximum potential cost for 5 board members = \$2625/year (\$1312.00 Township and \$1312.00 Village)

Clerks/Fiscal Officers Salaries
The salary for a Windham Joint Fire District clerk would be approximately \$2000 to \$3000 yearly.

This is based on a lower budget of Windham compared to other area Joint Fire Districts and the amount of hours to perform the job.

The hours to perform the job for Windham is 30 to 35 hours a month. The 2006 budget was \$118,071.

Newton Falls J.F.D. Clerk is 64 hours per month and the salary is \$9591 yearly. Their 2006 budget was \$453,280.

Nelson / Freedom / Garrettsville J.F.D. Clerk is 35 to 40 hours per month and the salary is \$9700 yearly. Their 2006 budget was \$694,518.

Mantua / Shalersville J.F.D. Clerk is 80 hours per month and the salary is \$21,207 yearly. Their 2006 budget was \$2,048,761.

2. Audits cost for Joint Fire Districts (JFD)

The average costs yearly is \$2,000.00.

The state does the audits every two years.

2 years x \$2,000.00 = \$4,000.00 bi-annually.

Windham Fire District has the lowest annual budget compared to the 3 Joint Fire Districts which are as follows:

Year 2006 Budgets

Windham Township and Village	\$118,071
Newton Falls Joint Fire District	\$453,280
Nelson / Freedom / Garrettsville Joint Fire District	\$694,518
Mantua / Shalersville Joint Fire District	\$2,048,761

3. Dispatching Costs

Since 1965 the Trustees have paid the Village an amount for Police Department dispatching calls for Fire and Ambulance. The current cost is \$4000 a year. With a Joint Fire District the Village is considering leaving this cost the same. Therefore Dispatch fees would not increase the cost of a Joint Fire District.

The Fire Department dispatch calls for Fire and EMS in 2006 was 542 calls. These calls would cost \$10,450.00 per a recent quote from Firecom Dispatching in Ravenna Township.

The above completes the answers to Trustee Dann Timmons suggestions.

Legal Fees

The prosecutor can be used at no charge. Normal and average legal costs for Joint Fire District is approximately \$1000.00 or less yearly. Windham Township spent \$962.74 for legal fees in 2006.

Recap of Joint Fire District Maximum Costs

Fire Board (5) Members (15 meetings per year or less)	\$2625/year or less
Clerk/Fiscal Officer	\$3000/year
Audits	\$2000/year
Legal Fees	\$1000/year

Approx \$8625.00

Other issues of Consideration on a Joint Fire District for Windham

- A. The Ambulance Billing proceeds for 2006 generated \$27,381.00 for Village calls and \$22,984.00 for Township calls. The combined total was \$50,364.00 for 2006.

Three things to consider.

1. If the parties continue the way its been, some or all of the billing proceeds could be lost.
 2. A Joint Fire District would be a board that works together for improvements. An Improved District with a Joint Board would improve our Ambulance calls and proceeds far above \$50,364.00 yearly.
 3. The Joint Board would work together to gradually improve to 24/7 coverage like other Joint Districts are doing.
- B. The revenue from the two 1 Mil levies operating and equipment can be collected by Windham Township and paid to the new Joint Fire District Board. There would be no need to go to the Voters and no need for additional levy monies. When the existing levies come up for renewal / replacement, they would be put on under the new Joint Fire District. This is per a legal opinion.
- C. The Village Council would consider donating the land where the Fire Station is located to the new Joint Fire District Board.
- D. The Village would continue to provide free water to the Fire Department. This is a value of about \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year which the Village residents ultimately pay for.