

**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
FACILITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE
August 25, 2014**

Members present: Patton, Newell, Muscenti
Also present: Mayor Brick, Himes, Bloom, Alunni, Evans, Lutz, Byron, Lannon

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Chairman Steven Patton.

POLICE STATION REMODEL

Mr. Himes said the police dispatch moved out in January to their new facility at the Bedford hospital leaving the existing space vacant and not very conducive to the needs of the police department. We had looked at renovating that to create office space and create a proper interview room, which they currently don't have. This would also move the police chief's office out of the village hall and into the police station where it belongs. That will open up that space for the building department. We budgeted about \$65,000 in the capital budget for this and the low quote is about \$45,931. He said we also have an agreement with the dispatch C.O.G. that they would pay for one-third of the cost less the cost of dispatch equipment that we kept so their share is approximately \$9,000. The net cost to the village would be \$36,815. Mr. Himes said we are saving money by having the service department do some of the work.

Moved by Mr. Newell, seconded by Mr. Muscenti that we approve the expenditure of \$36,815 to do the improvements as stated in the police department and the existing renovations that go along with it. All voted in favor.

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

Mr. Himes said we have been contracting with Solon and they have been running our senior transportation service for some time now. Solon is no longer going to run the program and our existing contract expired at the end of June. Solon has entered into a contract with the Senior Transportation Connection, which is a non-profit organization that is running this senior transport throughout Cuyahoga County. They are serving twenty-two suburbs and the City of Cleveland. They have made a proposal to us at roughly the same cost. It is difficult to analyze because the way our agreement was setup with Solon the cost of the entire program was split between all of the entities that were participating based on their usage. In this agreement we would be paying \$24.00 per trip and then the rider would then pay either \$1.00 for a trip under ten miles and up to \$4.00 for a trip that went up to twenty miles. The Senior Transportation Connection would provide all of the scheduling and dispatching. All the vans and transport buses will be available for people sixty and over and they would run Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Patton said we have a ninety-day notice period to get out of the contract if we get into a situation

where it is starting to get excessive.

It was agreed that they need to have further discussions with the Senior Transportation Connection to better define those who should qualify for this service.

Moved by Mr. Patton, seconded by Mr. Newell that we recommend to Council entering into the contract with Senior Transportation Connection for providing transportation services for senior citizens as well as disabled adults as discussed. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Steven Patton, Chairman
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