

# SW Radio COG

10/12/23 at 1030 hrs - Strongsville Senior Center

- Represented: Strongsville, Middleburg Heights, Brook Park, Olmsted Twp., Olmsted Falls, Berea, North Royalton, Parma Heights
- Also represented: Motorola, SWEDC
- Meeting to order at 1033 hrs
- Pledge
- Meeting posted on COMS Website, postings sent to each community, posted in Strongsville Community
- Minutes March 15, 2023
  - North Royalton motion to accept, Berea 2<sup>nd</sup> – Unanimous.
- Mr. Healy
  - Invoices for 2023 being sent and paper copies distributed.
  - Approximately \$234k in the bank – expected low this time of year.
  - Motorola has been paid.
  - Currently under audit with the State of Ohio, expected Nov 30<sup>th</sup> completion.
  - GAP – 3yr agreement
    - 2023,2024,2025 quote is same
    - Motion to accept agreement for Zupka for 3 years.
      - Strongsville motion, North Royalton 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous
  - Motion to pay expenses for State Audit as received.
    - Strongsville motion, Olmsted Twp 2<sup>nd</sup> – unanimous
- Maintenance Agreement 2024
  - Technical Committee presenting
  - Increased about 1% for 2024 with the same coverage for next year.
    - See handouts for Service Contract
    - Will be amended if radios are purchased.
    - Assuming we purchase
      - We would see a reduction of \$164k from \$313k.
  - If new purchase of radios – new system is LTE based in infrastructure and cell service – “Essential Services” (ES)
    - As part of purchase, ES would be free for a year.
    - The following years – ES would be an additional cost.
  - Recommendation from Technical Committee – Continue \$313k with potential of proration if new radios are purchased.
  - Olmsted Falls: Don't we have to buy radios because new radios cannot be serviced ending in 2023? Discussion.
  - See handouts for cost of new radio purchases (\$4.8 million for entire COG)
  - Maintenance contract has expired and needs to be renewed.
  - Motion to approve Maintenance agreement for 1 year.
    - Strongsville motion, N. Royalton 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous
  - Timeline for purchase of new radios, proposal good thru December 11, 2023
    - We cannot purchase as a COG, but pricing was based on COG purchase.
    - For example:
    - Leasing options are available, Johnson needs to talk to Motorola

- White page for Mayors in handouts, should be shared prior to decision.
  - Upgrade to Vista and P1 CAD system, makes the system more efficient.
- COG to take temperature of new purchase next month, COG knows each City has challenges approving forward as City are creating budgets for 2024.
- Cassidy – We need to approach Motorola to request they adjust and adapt to needs of our cities
  - Need to take a harder line approach.
- Olmsted Twp: Lifespan of new radios? Approximately 10 years
  - Lease options are available 3, 5, 7 years
- BN radio year lifespan end date could be in the next couple of years.
- We want to get in at the start of a lifecycle of a new model radio at the beginning.
- Unknown what was the built-in cost for lease versus straight out purchase
- Jamison: We need to extend the quote time so cities can better assess budget and ability to purchase.
- Can we have a meeting in mid-December to better understand who is in and out on the purchase?
- Please go through final counts to make sure radio purchase numbers are correct. Please acknowledge within the week
  - Break down model numbers.
- Next meeting: Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1030hrs – Strongsville, TBD
- Advisory Committee
  - Battery Backup unit was offline at the Water Treatment Plant, a surge took out power and caused a 5 hrs. radio outage.
  - Stoney Hill – Generator gas leak caused shut off which was unknown to SWEDC.
  - Radio system is working well, but power supplies have been questionable. We are on the hook to Cleveland now and what happens to them happens to us.
  - Olmsted Falls recent reception issues are being looked at to see if there are any antenna down, lightning strikes, etc.
- Old Business:
  - Handouts from last meeting – radio allocation
    - Letter of documentation to show Motorola will supply up to 100 batteries per year.
  - Mr. Cassidy:
    - Currently the contract is with Cassidy LLC, now is with Counsel with Dinn Hochman and Potter.
    - COG Finance and State Auditors are used to seeing payments to Cassidy
    - Will work up agreement to allow for new name and not pay/owe Dinn, Hochman and Potter outside of agreement with Cassidy.
    - Motion to continue services with Mr. Cassidy
      - Strongsville motion, Olmsted Twp 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous
- Motion to Adjourn by Strongsville, Olmsted Falls 2<sup>nd</sup>, Unanimous.
  - Adjournment at 1122 hrs