

Wyandette Fire Department

Talked with Cathy Lundeen and Dennis this morning 10-27-2017.

The Township has a joint powers agreement with Dalbo and Princeton. They pay Princeton about \$ 28,000 per year. Princeton handles all FF and FD issues. They pay Dalbo about \$ 32,000. It is a privately owned fire department. They have about 2000 residents. All provide medical call assistance.

- Building constructed in 2009: basic pole construction 70 x 90 feet. Three overhead doors on front and two on back with plans to add the third one.
- On-demand, in-floor heat (LP gas) with 10,000 feet of tubing in the floor – he highly recommends this. It is their only heat, and they keep the building temp at 55-60 degrees. They used 800 gallons of LP during the coldest winter. He said they can bring the building up 10 degrees in 12 hours.
- 6-inch-thick concrete floor on sand
- Floor drains for water and oil trap
- Fiberglass insulation – 26" in attic
- 16' overhead doors
- Outside Styrofoam for foundation insulation

He recommended putting wire mesh down 18" around the building to keep pocket gophers out. With sandy soil, they have had trouble with them.

Other info:

Security system is card swipe for fire fighters and sheriff department

Water tanks from Mimbach Supply that hold 6,000 gallons of water with a hose attached for filling trucks. They use the tanks, because their well isn't big enough...said it works well

The township paid for the startup/hall with a one-time tax assessment. Total cost was \$167,218.

Equipment was grass rig, tanker truck, ladder truck, rescue vehicle all provided by Princeton (extra stuff, very nice). Princeton got a grant for their radios. Air tanks are filled in Princeton. The tanker was purchased used from California for \$4,000 through Gov. Surplus. Again, Princeton paid for it.

They have 8 fire fighters: four of them work on the town board supervisor's dairy farm next door and one is ¼ mile away so good response time.

Outside generator in case of power outage.

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