NILES CHARTER TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Date: August 24, 2016

To: Niles Charter Township Board

From: Chief Gary Brovold

Re: New Turnout Gear

I am requesting approval to purchase 4 new set of turnout gear. They need to be replaced for safety reasons since these are extremely worn and have been repaired multiple times, or they no longer fit the firefighter properly. One firefighter had to be placed into old gear since we no longer had any other gear that would fit him.

Our newest gear (Janesville) was purchased in 2013 at a cost of $1,762 per set from Apollo Fire Equipment. The only two dealers for that gear are the same two that offered bids in 2007, and 2013. The current bids for the same style are as follows:

Apollo Fire Equipment: $1,934per set
Moses Fire Equipment: $2,356 per set

The total cost for 4 set of gear would be $7,736 if purchased from Apollo Fire Equipment or $9,424 from Moses Fire Equipment. I am requesting permission to purchase the turnout gear from Apollo Fire Equipment.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

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