

Fire Station Sold

The former Sylvania Township fire station on Central Avenue, just west of I-475/US23, has been sold for \$310,000. John Zeitler, township administrator, told trustees that the sale is contingent on the lot being zoned for commercial use, rather than its current category which is for governmental property. He said the township is seeking that rezoning and otherwise the sale is on an "as-is" basis.

He had hoped the property might get a higher price, but after inspecting it he found that there are leaks in the roof and other likely structural problem. Another problem for the former fire station property is its location. Although Central Avenue is a commercial corridor, the site of the former station number two is blocked from eastbound traffic lanes by a traffic barrier.

Mr. Zeitler said two independent appraisals estimated the site's value at about \$300,000. The original asking price was \$339,000. Mr. Zeitler said the building itself will likely have to be torn down and another constructed before the property can be put to use. The first two offers on the property were in the range of \$250,000. Eventually Ryan Opiel made the successful offer of \$310,000.

The current number two fire station is on McCord Road, south of Central Avenue.