

# WEST LICKING JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 9, 2009

## Regular Meeting

Paul George opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m., and Debi Seymour led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL:

Etna – Paul George; Harrison – Larry Kretzmann; Reynoldsburg – Douglas Joseph; Pataskala – Pat Sagar; Jersey – Derek Myers; Kirkersville – Debi Seymour. Mrs. Seymour is the Board's newly appointed representative from the Village of Kirkersville.

OPEN DISCUSSION: None.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Kretzmann motioned to approve the March 12, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Seymour, abstain; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Joseph motioned to approve the March 18, 2009 special meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Kretzmann seconded. Vote: Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Seymour, abstain; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes. **Motion carried.**

### APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mr. Kretzmann motioned to approve warrants 24073 – 24155. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Seymour, abstain; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes. **Motion carried.**

### APPROVAL OF BANK RECONCILIATION AND STAR OHIO INVESTMENT STATEMENTS:

Mr. Joseph motioned to approve the March 2009 Bank Reconciliation and STAR Ohio Investment Statements. Mr. Myers seconded. Vote: Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Seymour, abstain; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes. **Motion carried.**

### FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

Ms. Krugh provided the Board with an updated schedule reflecting all current tax levies and their collection years. The current valuation of the West Licking Joint Fire District is \$945,943,470 – per the Certificate of County Auditor. She advised the Board that she had prepared for their review, resolutions for the two tax levies which expire in 2009. After review and discussion, the consensus was to renew the 2 MILL tax levy and place it on the ballot for the November 3, 2009 election, and to discuss the 1 MILL tax levy at another time.

*Mr. Myers motioned to put on the November 3, 2009 ballot the proposed 2 MILL and 1 MILL Renewal Tax Levies as presented. Mr. Joseph seconded. Mr. Myers amended the motion to put on the November 3, 2009 ballot the proposed 2 MILL Renewal Tax Levy as presented, and no other levy at this time:*

**RESOLUTION 2009-15 – PROPOSED 2 MILL (RENEWAL) TAX LEVY**

BE IT RESOLVED and it is hereby determined by the Board of Fire District Trustees of the West Licking Joint Fire District, Licking County, Ohio, that the amount of the taxes which may be raised with the ten mill limitations will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of said Fire District, and it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of such ten mill limitations for the purposes of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefore, or sources of water supply and materials therefore, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firefighter employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance or emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, as provided in Section 5705.19(I), of the Ohio Revised Code, and

BE IT RESOLVED that a Renewal levy of *two (2) mills* for each year be placed on the tax duplicate for such purposes, pursuant to Section 5705.19(I), of the Ohio Revised Code, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such said Renewal tax be placed upon the tax list for the years *commencing with the tax year 2010, first due in calendar year 2011;*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the question of such Renewal tax be submitted to the electors of the West Licking Joint Fire District, Licking County, Ohio, which includes the City of Pataskala, Etna Township, Harrison Township - which includes the Village of Kirkersville, portions of Jersey Township, and portions of the City of Reynoldsburg, at the same time as the General Election to be held in the usual voting places within said Fire District on the *3rd of November, 2009*, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the form of the ballots cast at such election shall be:

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY  
(RENEWAL)**

**WEST LICKING JOINT FIRE DISTRICT  
A Majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage**

A Renewal of *two (2) mills* of an existing levy to constitute a tax for the benefit of West Licking Joint Fire District for the purpose of PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS, APPLIANCES, BUILDINGS OR SITES THEREFORE, OR SOURCES OF WATER SUPPLY AND MATERIALS THEREFORE, OR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF LINES OF FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH, OR THE PAYMENT OF PERMANENT, PART-TIME OR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANIES TO OPERATE THE SAME, INCLUDING THE PAYMENT OF THE FIREFIGHTER EMPLOYER'S CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 742.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, OR TO PURCHASE AMBULANCE EQUIPMENT, OR TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE, PARAMEDIC, OR OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATED BY A FIRE DEPARTMENT OR FIREFIGHTING COMPANY at a rate not exceeding *two (2) mills* for each one dollar of valuation, for a period of *five years, commencing with the tax year 2010, first due in calendar year 2011.*

**FOR THE TAX LEVY**

**AGAINST THE TAX LEVY**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer of the Board of Fire District Trustees of the West Licking Joint Fire District be, and she hereby is directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to

the Board of Elections of Licking County, Ohio, and cause notice of such election to be given as required by law.

**Mr. Kretzmann seconded. Vote: Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Seymour, abstain; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes. Motion carried to adopt Resolution 2009-15.**

Ms. Krugh informed the Board that Chief David Fulmer had contacted her regarding a new professional designation he had just received, Fire Engineer (MIFireE), awarded by the Institution of Fire Engineers, USA Branch. He inquired whether the District could process an accompanying membership invoice in the amount of \$122. The Board concurred that payment would be made on April 20, 2009. Mrs. Sagar asked the Fiscal Officer to convey the Board's thanks to Chief Fulmer for advising them in advance.

The Fiscal Officer read three thank you letters – the West Licking Firefighters Association thanked the Board for their \$300 donation to the canteen; and two others for emergency medical services.

Ms. Krugh asked Mr. George if Debi Seymour would be taking Erika Mudd's 2009 Committee appointments, and he concurred. The Fiscal Officer would provide an updated Committees list to the Board members.

#### **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

This meeting was Chief Weber's 376<sup>th</sup>, and final, meeting during his career with the West Licking Joint Fire District. He thanked the Fire Board for their support through the years, and expressed his hope that continued support would be given to the new Fire Chief, David Fulmer.

Chief Weber reported to the Board that two pieces of equipment were recently damaged. Medic 402 was out of service due to a collision with a herd of deer during a run on Rte. 40, east of York Road. \$9,616 in damages was incurred, and the insurance deductible was waived due to "wildlife" as the cause. No employees were injured in the accident. Engine 402 hit a low limb on a tree, resulting in a broken windshield. It was replaced immediately, and is back in service.

Chief Weber requested approval for the WLJFD Policy for Travel Expenses. Mr. Kretzmann motioned to approve the Policy for Travel Expenses as submitted to the Board. Mrs. Sagar seconded. Vote: Kirkersville – Mrs. Seymour, abstain; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes. **Motion carried.**

Chief Weber advised the Board that a new Kinetico water softener and drinking water system were installed at Station 2, due to a bad well and drinking water, and no septic. Two bids had been acquired prior to the Kinetico installation. Per Assistant Chief Mathews, the well was shocked with chlorine per required specifications. Chief Weber stated that he had asked Kirkersville's Mayor in the past, if Station 2 could tap into Southwest Licking Soil and Water for water. The Village did not allow this, and the School was also denied a tap. Mrs. Seymour stated that the water issue has been an ongoing problem with Kirkersville. They have formed their own Water District. Mrs. Seymour advised the Board that she would discuss the Fire District's concerns with the Mayor.

Chief Weber stated that he had spoken with Chief David Fulmer regarding the revision of our current cell phone policy – rather than the District providing cell phones to employees, the employees procure their own cell phones, and a reimbursement is paid to them for that use. This will be addressed further by Chief Fulmer after he begins employment with the District on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Weber informed the Board that upon retirement, it is legal to give a retired employee his/her helmet after 25 years of service. However, he advised that the retired employee pay \$1 for the helmet. He stated that badges are generally not given out, because they are then issued to other individuals. There was discussion as to what could happen to a helmet after the retired employee dies – the helmet becomes estate property, could be sold by the heirs, etc. Mrs. Sagar offered to research the possibility of mounting a helmet on a plaque so that it could not be removed, and get back to the Board with her findings.

Mr. Myers motioned to temporarily retire Richard Sellers and Chief Weber's badges, not to be used again at this time, until this issue is addressed further by the Board. Mrs. Sagar seconded. Vote: Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Seymour, yes. **Motion carried.**

Chief Weber requested the Board wear their WLJFD polo shirts to the next meeting, so an updated group photo could be taken for the website.

Chief Weber reported that the Class A uniforms were now complete, and he had given Dan Alward permission to take photos of the firefighters in their Class As.

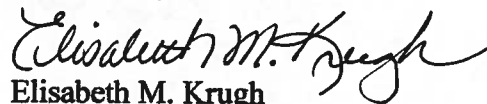
Chief Weber requested an Executive Session. Mr. Kretzmann motioned to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss a contractual issue. Mr. Joseph seconded. Vote: Etna – Mr. George, yes; Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Jersey – Mr. Myers, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Seymour, yes; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Joseph motioned to come out of executive session at 8:52 p.m. Mrs. Sagar seconded. Vote: Reynoldsburg – Mr. Joseph, yes; Harrison – Mr. Kretzmann, yes; Kirkersville – Mrs. Seymour, yes; Pataskala – Mrs. Sagar, yes; Etna – Mr. George, yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. George requested the Fiscal Officer notify the press that a Special Meeting to discuss personnel matters would be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009.

There being no further business, Mr. George adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elisabeth M. Krugh  
Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:

  
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President, Board of Trustees

Note: These minutes are unofficial, subject to amendment, until approved by the Fire Board Members.

Guests present: Assistant Chief Ken Mathews, David Price