



West Licking Joint Fire District
851 East Broad Street
Pataskala, Ohio 43062

Board of Trustees

MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2015

Derek Myers opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m., and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Jersey – Derek Myers

Harrison – Mark Van Buren – Absent

Etna – Jeff Johnson

Kirkersville – Brian Denton

Pataskala – Tim Hickin

Reynoldsburg – Dan Skinner

OPEN DISCUSSION:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hickin motioned to approve the September 10, 2015 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Skinner seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – abstain; Skinner – yes; Hickin – yes; Myers – yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Van Buren joined the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Mr. Van Buren motioned to approve the September 2015 Bank Reconciliation, STAR Ohio Investment, and CDARS Statements. Mr. Skinner seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Skinner – yes; Van Buren – yes; Hickin – yes; Myers – yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mr. Skinner motioned to approve warrants 6545 - 6632. Mr. Hickin seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Skinner – yes; Van Buren – yes; Hickin – yes; Myers – yes. **Motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

A. Interim Administrator Steven Little informed the Board, 52 candidates have registered for the CPAT testing with the written exam on Friday and the physical agility test on Saturday.

Mr. Little stated he will be out next week from Wednesday thru Friday.

CHIEF REPORT:

A. Acting Chief Todd Magers informed the Board he will be ordering the pick-up truck from Coughlin Chevrolet.

B. AC Magers informed the Board Firefighter Ginger Miller was at the Fallen Firefighter Memorial services last week and got to meet the President and shake his hand. FF Miller attends every year and escorts families of fallen firefighters and their children. She was requested back this year by the family that she escorted last year. She represents the District well when she attends these functions.

C. AC Magers informed the Board that there is a list of surplus items in their packet. AC Magers would like the District to donate the thermal imager and halogen lights to CTEC's Adult Ed program.

Mr. Denton motioned to surplus the list of miscellaneous items presented to the Board and to donate the thermal imager and halogen lights to CTEC's Adult Ed program. Mr. Hickin seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Skinner – yes; Van Buren – yes; Hickin – yes; Myers – yes. **Motion carried.**

ASSISTANT CHIEF REPORT:

- A. Assistant Chief Harold Williams informed the Board August's activity report is included in their packet.
- B. AC Williams informed the Board the Fire Prevention Open House is Saturday, October 17, 2015.
- C. AC Williams informed the Board that Inspector Singleton just received a certification from the International Association of Arson Investigators.
- D. AC Williams would like to recognize BC Treinish's crew that is going through the combat challenge and placed high enough at the regional competition. They qualified for World's in Birmingham, AL.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT:

- A. Donna Hubner, Fiscal Officer informed the Board it was time to schedule the Budget Committee meeting for the 2016 Budget.

Ms. Hubner stated Mr. Van Buren is the chair of the Budget Committee, Mr. Skinner and Mr. Johnson are the other two committee members.

It was decided to hold the meeting prior to the next Board meeting on November 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

- A. Building / Land Acquisition Committee – Mr. Denton informed the Board there has been a lot of discussion with Branham, more information is needed concerning the design of the footprint for a potential new station. The District has the basic layout, but the construction company is in need of more detailed designs to be able to quote the construction. The suggestion has been made to utilize Branham's architect, but have the District purchase the plans. This way, as the District moves forward, the plans will belong to District and as we construct other facilities, we will be able to adjust our plans instead of trying to get someone to recreate them.

Mr. Van Buren inquired who the architect is working with Branham Signs. Mr. Little stated he is not sure.

Mr. Denton stated he believes the District should discuss with Branham Signs about getting a five year lease with renewable options so it can be determined just how effective this location would be.

Mr. Little stated he and Chief Magers will be talking with Branham.

- B. Personnel Committee – AC Magers informed the Board, Ohio hospitals are wanting to start a Community Paramedic program. What has prompted this is the number of patients going home and not doing what they are told and are ending up back in the hospital. Medicare/Medicaid has starting tracking this and is penalizing the hospitals if they have a large percentage of patients returning for the same issues. Mount Carmel East has reached out to our Medical Director, Dr. Zeeb about this program. This program is going on in other large metropolitan cities. Three departments within the MECC are piloting the program.

AC Magers would like to send one person to the classes.

AC Magers does not want to get totally involved in the program until they have piloted the program and ensure the funding is there as promised so that it does not cost the District.

AC Magers stated that FPO Earley has shown interest in the program so he would like to send her to the classes and she will be our liaison on how thing progress.

AC Magers stated that Whitehall, Violet Township and Truro Township are piloting the program.

Mr. Van Buren stated last year at an Ohio Township Association workshop they had talked extensively about this program but at that point the hospitals were to do the hiring. He does not want the District to become an extension of the hospital and take our resources.

AC Magers stated one thing would be is it would give the District someone to follow up on residents who have health issues that we were called out to but then they were not transported to the hospital, or they refused. This person can also follow up on residents who are having issues falling on a regular basis to make sure those things are cleaned up or repaired to help eliminate trip hazards, or help them find assistance.

Mr. Van Buren stated he does not want to sound harsh but he wants the District to stay focused on what we are here for and be careful expanding and becoming social workers. It sounds like a good program, but he feels the hospitals should be doing this program.

AC Magers stated we will send her to class and watch it develop. It will change her job description in the long run and we will work up a new job description and present that back to the Board.

Mr. Hickin inquired if she will be going on runs with Truro or how will it work.

AC Magers stated she will have clinical time and she will probably have to shadow them to see how it is done if we want to take it to that level.

Mr. Van Buren stated he does not want to compete against home health care.

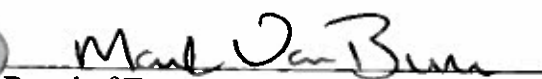
There being no further business, Mr. Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Hubner
Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:


Board of Trustees
Title

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