



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

Board of Trustees

MEETING MINUTES

July 14, 2020

Mark Van Buren opened the rescheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Jersey – Dan Wetzel

Harrison – Mark Van Buren

Etna – Jeff Johnson

Kirkersville – Brian Denton

Pataskala – Tom Lee

Reynoldsburg – Stacie Baker - absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Wetzel motioned to approve the June 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Denton seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Baker joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Mr. Wetzel motioned to approve the June 2020 Bank Reconciliation, STAR Ohio Investment, and CDARS Statements. Mr. Denton seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mr. Denton motioned to approve the June 2020 warrants 12514 – 12626. Mr. Wetzel seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

CHIEF:

A. Chief Todd Magers presented to the Board a 5 year Stryker maintenance agreement which locks in the pricing. It includes replacement of the batteries and bi-annual testing. The total 5 year agreement is \$53,392.88 paid in annual installments of \$10,678.58. This is our first agreement with Stryker for the power cots.

Mr. Wetzel motioned to approve the 5 year maintenance agreement with Stryker for a total of \$53,392.88. Mr. Lee seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

B. Chief Magers informed the Board the District needs to start updating the tools for the rescue. Our current hydraulic tools are approximately 15 years old. The District wants to go to the battery power tools by Genesis. Long term plan is to have a set for the Rescue and a set for Ladder. This way there is a backup for the Rescue for auto extrications. The total cost for the Partech struts, hydro fusion lifting struts, cutters, spreaders, battery chargers and spare batteries. Total cost of \$90,509.00.

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the purchase of rescue tools at a cost of \$90,509.00. Mr. Johnson seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

C. Chief Magers informed the Board, at Station 402 in the shop area there is a shop room and it was constructed so gear storage is on top of the room and the District needs to install an OSHA approved ladder and catwalk to begin utilizing the area above. AC Treinish has gotten bids for an OSHA approved ladder. AC Treinish did find an Erect A Step which is OSHA compliant and custom made \$6,504.11.

Mr. Van Buren inquired if these are permanently placed or movable. Chief Magers stated they are permanent.

Mr. Wetzel stated the handrails are usually what needs to be OSHA compliant. As long as they are built to code.

The Board wants to table this for further review.

Discussion concerning the Jefferson Street Facility roof and parking lot drainage.

D. Chief Magers informed the Board over the past 3 years the District has been replacing the SCBA's. This is the final purchase for the replacement of them. There is 10 packs and they are \$5,600.00 per pack. They are through Finley Fire and this would finish the SCBA replacement program.

Mr. Van Buren inquired as to the life expectancy of the SCBA packs.

Chief Magers stated some of the ones that are being replaced are 20 years old.

Mr. Denton motioned to purchase 10 SCBA packs at a cost of \$56,000.00. Mr. Lee seconded. Vote: Denton-yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

E. Chief Magers informed the Board the District received \$3,093.88 from an EMS Grant.

F. Chief Magers informed the Board Ascena contacted the District and due to COVID they had to shut down their café. They donated all the food they had purchased for the café to the District. Due to this the District purchased 3 freezers to hold the food.

G. Chief Magers informed the Board there are 15 guys who are working on their swift water rescue swim test. It consists of a 500 yard swim and then you drag someone for a couple hundred yards, then tread water for 15 minutes and one more item. The YMCA has allowed us to utilize the pool twice a week and Dennison's swim coach has agreed to help teach the guys how to breathe when swimming.

H. Chief Magers stated AC Krouse has included the activity report for June 2020 in their packets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Denton motioned for the Board to go into executive session to prepare for negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. ORC 121.22.4 and to consider the appointment of a public employee. ORC 121.22.1. Mr. Johnson seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

The Board went into executive session at 7:28 p.m.

Mr. Baker motioned to come out of executive session at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Johnson seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATOR:

- A. Laurie Mayle, Administrator informed the Board Lieutenant Drumm is retiring effective July 31, 2020 and Firefighter James Kincaid II is potentially retiring in August or September.
- B. Ms. Mayle informed the Board the District would like to promote Lieutenant Wortman into the EMS Coordinator position effective July 13, 2020. With this promotion the District would be backfilling her Lieutenant position with Acting Lieutenant James McVay.

Mr. Van Buren motioned to promote Troy Burgess to Lieutenant, Daniel Shrigley to Lieutenant, Ginger Wortman to EMS Coordinator and James McVay to Lieutenant. Mr. Wetzel seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

- C. Ms. Mayle request to hire three full-time firefighters to backfill the vacated positions.

Mr. Denton motions to hire 3 full-time firefighters. Mr. Lee seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

- D. Ms. Mayle presented Resolution 2020-07 A Resolution Declaring It Necessary to Levy a Tax In Excess Of the Ten Mill Limitation.

Mr. Denton motions to adopt Resolution 2020-07 and make the 2.5 Mill permanent. Mr. Lee seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – no. **Motion carried.**

LOCAL 3025:

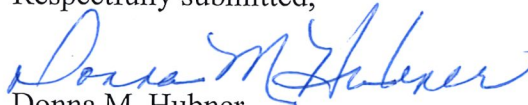
The Local is conducting a Back to School Supply drive.

OPEN DISCUSSION – BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Baker informed the Board he has been in discussions with the Reynoldsburg Development Director concerning available property for the District to put a new Station. The Mayor informed Mr. Baker across the street from the State Fire Marshall & State Agricultural building there is a new development going in on the vacant land. The Mayor would like to meet with Chief Magers concerning this area.

There being no further business, Mr. Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Hubner
Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:

Mark Van Buren
Board of Trustees

President of the Board
Title

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