



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

Board of Trustees

MEETING MINUTES

April 08, 2021

Mark Van Buren opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Jersey – Dan Wetzel

Harrison – Mark Van Buren

Etna – Jeff Johnson

Kirkersville – Brian Denton – absent

Pataskala – Tom Lee

Reynoldsburg – Stacie Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Baker motioned to approve the March 11, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes as corrected. Mr. Johnson seconded. Vote: Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – abstain. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Mr. Wetzel motioned to approve the March Financial Statements. Mr. Johnson seconded. Vote: Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mr. Johnson motioned to approve the March 2021 warrants 13426 – 13534. Mr. Wetzel seconded. Vote: Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

CHIEF:

- A. Todd Magers, Chief informed the Board tower training is complete. The tower has had a few minor mechanical issues but the mechanics have been able to correct the problems.
- B. Chief Magers informed the Board, the Swift Water Rescue team is official and ready for service. The Swift Water team just completed training at Deer Creek just below the dam. The instructor had direct contact with the dam operator and was able to recreate the proper water situations for training.

Mr. Van Buren inquired if the instructor was an internal guy or outside.

Chief Magers stated there were both types of instructors.

- C. Chief Magers informed the Board, the EMS Coordinator was able to hold a medic refresher class in house and it is wrapping up this week.
- D. Chief Magers informed the Board, the crews have been doing rope rescue training. Chief Magers wanted to thank AEP for allowing the district to train on their tower and the City of Reynoldsburg for allowing the District to train in and on the water towers that are located in the Licking County portion of Reynoldsburg.
- E. Chief Magers presented to the Board, a proposal for the purchase of fire hose from Heritage Fire. Captain Molter coordinated this and had the vendor match the various pump pressures with the correct hose and nozzles for the truck. The total cost for the hose replacement is \$21,690.00.

Mr. Wetzel inquired if the District had a piercing nozzle.

Chief Magers stated yes we have a couple of them.

Mr. Wetzel motioned to purchase the hose from Heritage Fire at a cost of \$21,690.00. Mr. Johnson seconded. Vote: Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

- F. Chief Magers provided the Board with the after action review prepared for a recent garage fire and stated this will be done with all working fires.
- G. Chief Magers provided the Board with information concerning how the retire/rehire would benefit the District by buying out at the current pay rate and would not be allowed to sell back vacation it would be a use it or lose it. The figures provided utilize a 2.5% pay increase in the figures presented.

ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- A. Jack Treinish, Assistant Chief introduced Lt. Doug Hankison to the Board. Lt. Hankison maintains the HVAC systems for the District.
- B. AC Treinish informed the Board, the final grade at Station 402 is complete.
- C. AC Treinish informed the Board Joe Dirt installed the flag pole at Old Station 1.
- D. AC Treinish informed the Board, the District is about to begin testing for the Battalion Chief list.
- E. AC Treinish informed the Board, the lift is in and being utilized.
- F. AC Treinish requested permission to speak with Mifflin Township about purchasing their 2001 Pierce engine and utilizing it as our back up engine. They are asking \$25,000 for the engine and our mechanics have stated it is worth that.

Mr. Van Buren motioned to negotiate up to \$25,000.00 with Mifflin Township to purchase their 2001 Pierce engine. Mr. Wetzel seconded. Vote: Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – ; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

ASSISTANT CHIEF EMS:

- A. Joseph Krouse, Assistant Chief informed the Board the activity report contained in their packet.
- B. AC Krouse informed the Board the District has had a couple of sever accidents on 2 unit and they responded exceptionally.

ADMINISTRATOR:

- A. Laurie Mayle, Administrator distributed to the Board the revised policies stemming from the investigation. Corrective counseling and appropriate discipline has been issued. Labor Management met to discuss the new and revised policies.

Mr. Wetzel questioned the new disclosure form terminology. He does not like the use of the nepotism and would like it replaced.

Mr. Van Buren stated the District has had several father and sons working here would this stop that.

Chief Magers stated no it would not. They would just be at different stations or on different shifts.

Mr. Baker motioned to adopt the Equal Employment Opportunity and Harassment Policy. Mr. Wetzel seconded. Vote: Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – ; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Wetzel motioned to adopt the Personal and Family Relationships Policy. Mr. Johnson seconded. Vote: Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – abstain; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Wetzel request to get clarification on nepotism and bring it back.

- B. Ms. Mayle informed the Board, the District received the Arbitration decision on the grievance on use of sick leave while on quarantine. The Arbitrator found in favor of the District.
- C. Ms. Mayle updated the Board on the cell tower negotiations. The company requested a copy of the deed to the property and is up to \$800 per month with a 1.5% per year increase.
- D. Ms. Mayle informed the Board the District received the check from E One for the penalties on the tower.
- E. Ms. Mayle inquired from Mr. Baker if the deed for the property in Reynoldsburg has been released yet.

Mr. Baker stated it has been and City Council will begin voting on the Ordinance at the next council meeting.

Mr. Van Buren requested the Board start choosing the architect in May for the construction of the new Station 404.

FISCAL OFFICER:

- A. Donna Hubner, Fiscal Officer informed the Board, the second payment on the Stryker lease is due on May 1, 2021 for \$74,761.60. This is for the purchase of the Lucas devices and Cots.

Mr. Wetzel motioned to pay \$74,761.60 to Stryker. Mr. Johnson seconded. Vote: Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

LOCAL 3025:

Battalion Chief Steve Wagner thanked the Fire Board for the equipment and training to allow the crews to be trained and maintain their training to help the citizens of the District.

There being no further business, Mr. Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Hubner
Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:

Mark Van Buren
Board of Trustees

President Board
Title

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