



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

Board of Trustees

MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2021

Mark Van Buren opened the 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. Johnson motioned to approve the August 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Denton seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – abstain; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Mr. Wetzel motioned to approve the August financial statements. Mr. Denton seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mr. Denton motioned to approve the August vouchers. Mr. Wetzel seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

CHIEF:

- A. Todd Magers, Chief, informed the Board, BC Bryan and DeWitt Friend are doing the installation of the interior components within the burn building.
- B. Chief Magers informed the Board, E One has sent an engineer from Florida to diagnose and correct the issues with T403.
- C. Chief Magers informed the Board, the swift water team was deployed to LA. The team got to TN and was sent back. The District is going through the reimbursement process now.
- D. Chief Magers informed the Board the new Chief's vehicle is in. It is a 2021 Ford Explorer with an integrated system and has a built in roll cage.
- E. Chief Magers informed the Board the District would like to surplus the following items:
 1. Safety House – it has not been utilized in 2 years and there are various new options available which are more versatile and less storage space.
 2. Siding left over from Station 401.
 3. Getac truck mounts.

Mr. Wetzel motioned to surplus the above items. Mr. Lee seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

ASSISTANT CHIEF:

- A. Jack Treinish, Assistant Chief, informed the Board the District is working on obtaining estimates for the lower level parking lot area here at Station 401.
- B. AC Treinish informed the Board, the District only received one (1) estimate for Station 402 for \$89,000.00 and \$20,000.00 of the price is for demolition.
- C. AC Treinish informed the Board, he was notified by AEP that Station 403 has 400 amps of service coming into the service box and currently there is a 200 amp breaker box and 100 amp breaker box in the station. The District will need to upgrade the one breaker box to a 200 amp box. Station 403 needs the HVAC systems upgraded.
- D. AC Treinish informed the Board, the District has received preliminary plans for Station 404.
- E. AC Treinish informed the Board it is time for the annual increase in for the Medicare billing and they are allowing a one percent increase for 2021.

Mr. Wetzel motioned to adopt the one percent increase for EMS billing. Mr. Lee seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

ADMINISTRATOR:

- A. Laurie Mayle, Administrator, informed the Board part-time firefighter Stephen Diercks has submitted his resignation.

Mr. Lee motioned to accept the resignation of part-time firefighter Stephen Diercks. Mr. Johnson seconded. **Vote:** Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

LOCAL 3025:

Tom Barnhill, Union President questioned the Board concerning the use of employees exposed at work having to use own sick time to quarantine after testing negative twice.

Mr. Lee inquired if the exposure was at the District.

Ms. Mayle stated the initial exposure was at a wedding.

Mr. Van Buren stated the issue should be brought to a Labor Management Meeting.

Mr. Barnhill requested a Labor Management meeting be scheduled.

FISCAL OFFICER:

- A. Donna Hubner, Fiscal Officer presented Resolution 2021-07 *Resolution Accepting The Amounts And Rates As Determined Bu The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The County Auditor.*

Mr. Lee motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-07. Mr. Johnson seconded. **Vote:** Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

- B. Ms. Hubner presented Resolution 2021-08 *Resolution For Additional and Supplemental Appropriations For The Current Expenses And Other Expenditures For Year Ending December 31, 2021.*

Mr. Lee motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-08. Mr. Johnson seconded. **Vote:** Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

- C. Ms. Hubner informed the Board the District’s liability insurance in up for renewal and there are several changes currently being made to the policy, along with the addition of the new medic and the new Chief’s vehicle.

Ms. Hubner requested authorization to pay the renewal of the liability insurance at a not to exceed amount of \$80,000.00.

Mr. Denton authorized the renewal of the liability insurance at a not to exceed cost of \$80,000.00. Mr. Johnson seconded. **Vote:** Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Wetzel motioned to go into executive session at 7:57 p.m. to review negotiations ORC § 121.22.4 and to discuss matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statues. ORC §121.22.5. Mr. Lee seconded. **Vote:** Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Denton motioned to called the meeting back to order at 8:57 p.m. Mr. Johnson seconded. **Vote:** Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**



There being no further business, Mr. Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Hubner
Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:


Board of Trustees
Title

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