



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

Board of Trustees

MEETING MINUTES

October 08, 2020

Mark Van Buren opened the rescheduled meeting at 7:05 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 – absent

Reynoldsburg – Stacie Baker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Denton motioned to approve the August 20, 2020 Rescheduled Board Meeting minutes as corrected and the September 29, 2020 Special meeting minutes. Mr. Baker seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Wetzel – abstain. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

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

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mr. Denton motioned to approve the August and September 2020 warrants 12734 – 12930. Mr. Johnson seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

CHIEF:

A. Chief Todd Magers presented to the Board an estimate from Horton Emergency Vehicles. The medic replacement plan got a bit behind due to the delays from the one truck. The replacement plan for the medics is as follows: this year the District purchased a new medic and next year the District would be a remount and the following year a new one and continuing to alternate. The District's mechanic stated once the vehicle reaches 100,000 miles to do a re-chassis, do another 100,000 miles and then replace the truck.

These services will be performed in 2021 but the District needs this approved so Horton can place the vehicle on the waitlist to be completed in 2021.

Mr. Van Buren motioned to authorize the spending of up to \$160,000 to re-chassis the medic with Horton Emergency Vehicles. Mr. Wetzel seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

B. Chief Magers informed the Board, Ms. Mayle has been vigilant concerning the progress of the Tower and she can provide the Board with an update next month.

C. Chief Magers informed the Board the new Carhartt coats the crews are now wearing are actually about half the cost of the fleece coats they had before.

- D. Chief Magers informed the Board Fire Marshal Harrison is here to discuss a few things concerning a revision of the fire code. The businesses in the area are operating battery powered vehicles and some businesses are wanting to start storing these large batteries and the District currently has no regulations if a business was to start storing a large quantity of batteries. FM Harrison did his research concerning this issue and came up with some guidelines for alternative energy.

Chief Magers stated trying to come up with ways to raise revenues without continuing to go to the voters with levies. Restructuring the fee schedule for inspections of high pile storage facilities.

Mr. Denton motioned to approve Ohio Fire Code Provisions except for N. Mr. Wetzel seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

- E. Chief Magers informed the Board the District is getting ready to place the old ladder on GovDeals.
- F. Chief Magers informed the Board, Old Station 1 the roof has been completed.
- G. Chief Magers informed the Board, the Ms. Lesko has written for a grant from Firehouse Subs for the updating of the IT in the training room. Waiting on this before moving forward.
- H. Chief Magers informed the Board, looking into illegal burns in the District. FM Harrison has been informing the EPA concerning the illegal burns.
- I. Chief Magers inquired about Station 402 steps. Mr. Wetzel would still like to have AC Treinish get in touch with him so they can discuss it.
- J. Chief Magers informed the Board, the ponds at Station 402 are being taken over by everything but water and fish. The bids received are under \$5,000.00 each.
- K. Mr. Johnson motioned to spend up to \$6,000.00 to treat the ponds at Station 402. Mr. Wetzel seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**
- L. Chief Magers informed the Board, the District has received plans for the addition and remodeling of Station 403. They are available for the Board to review.
- M. Chief Magers informed the Board, Station 405 gas line for the garage is being installed.
- N. Chief Magers informed the Board, the Captain's promotional test is completed. It is in the Q&A stage now.
- O. Chief Magers informed the Board the August and September 2020 EMS stats are in their packet. If there are any questions email AC Krouse.
- P. Chief Magers stated the District has had a great response from the adjustment for hiring part-time personnel. If someone has three years of full-time status at another department we will hire them without having to complete the CPAT. If they wish to be considered for full-time positions they have to take the CPAT before being eligible.

Q. Chief Magers informed the Board the District will be holding a swearing in ceremony next Tuesday and Thursday up in the bays. They are scheduled throughout the day and being held 30 every minutes. This allows for cleaning between each family group.

R. Chief Magers informed the Board the Drug Free Workplace is completed for BWC.

S. Chief Magers informed the Board, the liability insurance is up for renewal and needs approval to make payment.

Mr. Wetzel motioned to pay the liability insurance premium of \$67,905.00. Mr. Denton seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

T. Chief Magers informed the Board, Ms. Mayle has completed the RFQ and it has been reviewed by the Prosecutor’s Office.

Mr. Denton motioned to approve the Request for Qualifications. Mr. Wetzel seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Van Buren motioned for the Board to go into executive session to conference with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of pending or imminent court action. ORC 121.22.3. Mr. Wetzel seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

The Board went into executive session at 8:02 p.m.


Mr. Denton motioned to come out of executive session at 8:17 p.m. Mr. Baker seconded. Vote: Denton – yes; Johnson – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Wetzel – yes. **Motion carried.**

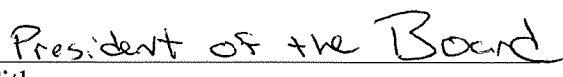
There being no further business, Mr. Van Buren adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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.