

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Deer Park Silvertown Joint Fire District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
February 18, 2025
Held at 7050 Blue Ash Road, Silvertown Ohio 45236
4:30 PM

Organizational Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance.

Board of Trustees

Frank Maupin
Don Kincaid
Steve Imhoff
William Jetter
Mark Feldhaus
Fred Gunnels
Britt Born
Jack Cameron

Also Present

Dennis Meador, Fire Chief
Belinda C. Joerger Clerk Treasurer
Alan Abes – Solicitor

Approval of Board Minutes:

A motion was made by William Jetter seconded by Fred Gunnels, to accept the minutes from the last regular board meeting held on December 17, 2024, all present voted aye, motion carried.

Annual Organizational Meeting

- Alan Abes initiates the meeting by stating the purpose: to go over bylaws, elect new officers, and discuss other necessary items.
- Belinda Joerger mentions the importance of shared resources and government accounting experience.
- Chief Meador discusses the financial numbers and the need to replace vehicles and equipment.
- Belinda Joerger and Chief Meador discussed the five-year plan and the need to update it with new numbers.

Bylaws Review and Remote Meetings Policy

- Alan Abes introduces a new policy allowing for remote meetings under certain circumstances.
- The policy includes restrictions on remote meetings for tax levies, major hiring decisions, and non-routine expenditures.
- Alan Abes explains that the policy will be adopted by April 9th, and no vote is needed tonight.

Nomination of Officers

- Mark Feldhaus nominates Steve Imhoff as President and Britt Born as Vice President, with a motion and second by Don Kincaid and William Jetter, respectively.
- A roll call vote confirms the nominations, with all members present voting in favor.
- Britt Born declares the annual organizational meeting closed and moves to the regular meeting.

Credit Card Report

- Belinda Joerger presents the credit card report, noting a total credit limit of \$20,000 and charges of \$40,660 in 2024. Reward points of \$813.21 will be credited to the account.

Adopt 2025 Regular Board Meeting Dates

- 4/15/25, 6/17/25, 8/19/25, 10/21/25, 12/16/25, and 2/17/26.

Regular Meeting begins

Clerk's Report

- Belinda discusses the end-of-year budget, highlighting a 104.6% collection of real estate taxes and a \$200,000 excess in EMS billing.
- The general fund carryover to 2025 is \$1,506,165.73, and the capital fund carryover is \$222,840.86.
- Current 2025 numbers show 9.6% of income received and 9.7% of expenses spent.

A motion was made by William Jetter, seconded by Britt Born, to accept the Clerk's report, all present voted aye – motion passed.

Chief's Report and Levy Discussion

- Chief Meador discusses the annual report and the potential upcoming levy for 2025, presenting three financial scenarios.
- He emphasizes the importance of not overburdening the community with excessive tax levies.
- The discussion includes the timing of the levy, with a preference for the November general election.
- The Chief mentions the need to consider the impact of Deer Park schools' potential levy and the importance of not jeopardizing their efforts.

Levy Options and Timing

- Jack Cameron asks for a breakdown of current levies and their millage, along with projections for each levy option.
 - Chief Meador agrees to provide detailed projections by the end of the week.
 - The discussion includes the differences between renewal, replacement, and additional levy.
 - Chief Meador highlights the importance of not letting retained earnings be depleted and the need to plan for future vehicle purchases.
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- **Discussion of old business – none**
 - **Discussion of new business – none**
 - **Public comment - none**

At 4:30 - A motion was made by Jack Cameron, seconded by Steve Imhoff, to move into Executive Session pursuant to R.C. 121.22 (G)(1)” to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official.”

A roll call vote was taken, all members present voted aye, motion passed.

At 5:00– Regular Session resumes. No decisions or votes were taken.

Consideration of Legislation -

Clerk Joerger read by title only –

Resolution 2025-01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTERNET AUCTION OF UNNEEDED FIRE DISTRICT PERSONAL PROPERTY

A motion was made by William Jetter, seconded by Mark Feldhaus to accept resolution 2025-01

A roll call vote was taken, all present voted aye, motion carried.

Clerk Joerger read by title only -

Resolution 2025 – 02

A RESOLUTION MODIFYING THE DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF/DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS’ COMPENSATION

A motion was made by William Jack Cameron, seconded by Steve Imhoff to amend this resolution in section one to include the salary amount of 119,500.00 effective the first pay period of 2025. Roll call vote was taken, all present voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by William Jetter, seconded by Fred Gunnels to accept resolution 2025-02,
A roll call vote was taken, all present voted aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Frank Maupin, seconded by Mark Feldhaus, to Adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM

Respectfully submitted.

Belinda C. Joerger Clerk Treasurer

Steve Imhoff - President