

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of the Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Held at 7050 Blue Ash Road, Silverton Ohio 45236
April 15, 2025
4:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Trustees

Frank Maupin

Don Kincaid

Steve Imhoff

William Jetter

Mark Feldhaus

Fred Gunnels

Britt Born

Jack Cameron Absent

Also Present

Dennis Meador - Fire Chief

Belinda C. Joerger Clerk Treasurer

Alan Abes – Solicitor

A motion was made by William Jetter, seconded by Steve Imhoff to excuse Jack Cameron from the April 15, 2025, regular board meeting, all present voted aye – motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by William Jetter, seconded by Fred Gunnels, to accept the minutes from the last regular board meeting held on February 18, 2025. all present voted aye – motion passed.

Action Items

- **Send out financial forecasting information and propose dates for a special meeting in May.**
- **Schedule a special meeting in early May to discuss the levy options.**
- **Establish a new special revenue fund to manage the donation from the Silverton Deer Park Volunteer Firefighters Protective Association.**

Clerk's Report

Financial Reports and Expense Reports

- The Clerk mentions presented expense reports for February and March 2025.

- The year-to-date 2025 financial statement was presented.
- The total income is 31.8% and total expenses are 22.1%, with no significant issues noted.

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

Chief's Report and Significant Incidents

Progress on Medic Unit and Contract Updates

- Chief Meador reports progress on the Medic Unit, with pictures of the shell available and a June completion expected.
- A meeting with Golf Manor was held to discuss the fourth year of their five-year contract, with both parties pleased with the service.
- Discussions about future contracts with Golf Manor will be held as the current contract ends next year on December 31, 2026.
- The administration is looking to fill a 12th full-time position on the 24/48 shift, considering internal and external candidates.

Levy Discussions and Legislative Proposals

- Chief Meador discusses the impact of a new state law that removes the option for replacement levies, necessitating additional millage.
- Forecasting for expenses and revenues is being prepared, with different levy amounts being considered.
- The board needs to file paperwork by August 5 for the November ballot, with a special meeting in May to discuss the levy.

Fire Levy Performance and Mutual Aid Response

- Chief Meador provided an update on fire levy performance in Hamilton County, noting some recent failures but generally positive results.
- A fire in Gulf Manor was handled with mutual aid partners, with good response times and one injury reported. There is no update on the patient's condition.
- The district's mutual aid partners are crucial for fire responses. We are able to handle about 95% of our own runs, but mutual aid is always needed for structure fires.
- The board discusses the importance of maintaining a strong levy to support the district's operations and public service.

A motion was made by Mark Feldhaus, seconded by Frank Maupin to accept the Chief's report, all present voted aye – motion passed.

- **Discussion of old business – none**

- **Discussion of new business– none**
- **Public comment – none**

Consideration of Legislation –

Clerk Joerger read by title only –

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM THE SILVERTON /DEER PARK
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS’ PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, SPECIFYING THE TERMS AND
RESTRICTIONS THEREOF, AND ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR SAID
DONATION**

A roll call vote was taken, all present voted 6 members voted aye, 1 **abstention, motion carried.**

Discussion –

- This resolution is about accepting a donation from the Silverton Deer Park Volunteer Firefighters Protective Association.
- The donation will be used for education, training, or equipment, with a special fund to be established.
- The donation will not occur until the association winds down, but the resolution needs to be approved first.
- The board discusses the types of equipment and training that the fund could support, such as CPR mannequins and AED simulators.

Future Meetings

- Chief Meador will send out information next week with forecasting and assumptions for the levy discussion.
- A special meeting in May is proposed to discuss the levy, with flexibility in scheduling to avoid conflicts.
- The board emphasizes the importance of timely action to ensure the levy is on the November ballot.

A motion was made by William Jetter, seconded by Fred Gunnels,
to Adjourn the meeting at 5:01 PM

Steve Imhoff – President

Belinda C. Joerger Clerk Treasurer