

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

Tuesday December April 16, 2024, 4:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance.

Call to order and roll call.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Frank Maupin

Don Kincaid absent

Steve Imhoff

William Jetter

Mark Feldhaus absent

Fred Gunnels

Britt Born

Jack Cameron absent

ALSO, PRESENT

Denny Meador – Fire Chief

Belinda Joerger – Clerk Treasurer

Alan Abes – Solicitor

A motion was made by Frank Maupin, seconded by William Jetter, to excuse Jack Cameron, Don Kincaid and Mark Feldhaus from the April 16, 2024, regular board meeting. All members present voted aye.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Frank Maupin, seconded by Britt Born, to accept the minutes as corrected from the last regular board meeting held on February 27, 2024. All members present voted aye.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT CLERK TREASURER:

- Belinda Joerger provides updates on the year-to-date budget and capital acquisition fund. The district paid a portion of the ambulance purchase (out of the capital acquisition fund) to speed things along and pay for the chassis.

- The district has received 36.7% of our total income and has spent 22.6% of our expenses, so we're on target. Our levy money is in it 48.9%.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:

Budget, grants, and emergency services.

Attracting and retaining firefighters through education incentives.

- Chief Denny Meador discusses fire EMT training programs with union president Captain Felser.
- District considers paying for firefighters' tuition to complete medic school, but time factor is a challenge.
- Proposes offering tuition reimbursement to attract and retain personnel, with Alan Abes providing a draft agreement for review.
- Steve Imhoff suggests a scalable way to measure return on investment, with a 3-5 year timeframe for full investment return.
- Chief Meador and William Jetter discuss the difficulty of getting someone into a paramedic program due to limited slots and filled schools.
- Britt Born thinks 3 years is better than 5 years. 5 years is quite a commitment for younger people these days.

Fire department staffing and training programs.

- Schools are struggling to find firefighter candidates, but Scarlet Oaks has success with new recruits.
- Chief Meador and the deputy chief prioritize staff needs and accommodate part-time workers to keep morale high.
- Chief Meador and the IAFF President will work together to address the issue and develop a solution.
- Chief Meador discusses updating equipment, including SCBAs and rescue tools, focusing on safety and functionality. The staff has applied for grants for SCBA through the AFG and rescue tools through Firehouse Subs.
- Steve Imhoff inquires about replacing tools and equipment, particularly rescue tools, with a focus on replacing them before they reach the end of their useful life.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Jim Nelson has taken over researching and writing grant applications. This spring, he was sent to a class to help improve the quality of our grant applications.
- Chief Meador reported the staff can conduct home safety inspections and make health and fire safety recommendations to residents.

Other reports, correspondence, and miscellaneous discussion and presentation

- The reappointment of City and Village representatives to the board of trustees. For 2024 it would be Jack Cameron and William Jetter.
- Per the Bylaws, The District has two members (each, a “Member”), the City of Deer Park and the Village of Silverton. Each Member shall appoint four Trustees to the Board. As specified in R.C. 505.371, such appointees shall include one representative from the legislative authority of each Member. The additional Trustees appointed by each Member shall each be a municipal administrator, manager, or other official, a municipal resident, and/or a representative of a business or other organization located in a Member’s jurisdiction; provided, however that neither Member shall appoint more than one person serving in an elected position with that Member or more than one unelected official or employee serving that Member. No Trustee may be an employee of the district. Members should notify the Board of all new Trustee appointments promptly and in writing.

Discussion of old business – none

Discussion of new business – none

Public comment – none

Consideration of legislation - none

Adjournment of meeting

A motion was made by Britt Born, seconded by William Jetter to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 pm.

All present voted aye, motion carried.