

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
THE DEER PARK SILVERTON JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING
HELD AT 7050 BLUE ASH ROAD, SILVERTON OHIO 45236
June 17, 2025
4:38 PM

Frank Maupin
Britt Born
Don Kincaid
Mark Feldhaus
Fred Gunnels
Jack Cameron

Also Present

Dennis Meadon – Fire Chief
Belinda C. Joerger – Clerk Treasurer

The meeting focused on the 2026 tax budget, detailing actuals from 2023, 2024 and estimates for 2025 and 2026. The estimated unencumbered balance at the end of 2025 is \$1,213,009.66, expected to reduce to \$576,000 by 2027. The ambulance project cost \$198,148, with a \$24,006.92 difference in budget. The new Medic Unit is expected to be operational by late July. The board discussed the potential levy for November 2025, expressing concerns about competing levies and the impact on taxpayers.

Action Items

- Proceed with placing the tax levy on the November 2025 ballot.
- Auction off the old ambulance once the new one is in service.

Outline

Public Hearing on 2026 Tax Budget

- Britt Born calls the meeting to order.
- Belinda Joerger focuses on the 2026 tax budget, including 2023 actual, 2024 actual, 2025 estimate, and 2026 estimate.
- Discussion on the ambulance project, noting a \$24,006.92 difference in cost, and the potential use of extra borrowed money for payment

Approval of Meeting Minutes and Reports

- The meeting moves to the regular board meeting at 4:42 pm, with a pledge and roll call taken.
- A motion was made by Don Kincaid, seconded by Jack Cameron to excuse the absences of Steve Imhoff and William Jetter. All members present voted aye, motion passed.
- A motion was made by Frank Maupin, seconded by Fred Gunnels to approve the meeting minutes from April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting, and May 13, 2025, Special Meeting, a roll call vote was taken, 5 voted aye, 1 abstention, motion passed.

Clerk's Report

- Belinda Joerger presents expenses by vendors for April and May, and the year-to-date budget for 2025, noting 47% of income and 38.5% of expenses spent.

A motion was made by Mark Feldhaus, seconded by Don Kincaid to accept the Clerk's finance report. All present voted aye, motion passed.

Director of Operations Report

- Chief Meador reports on the completion of the new Medic Unit and the upcoming final inspection and delivery.
- Chief Meador mentions the upcoming levy resolution and the potential impact on the community, including Deer Park and Silverton.
- Concerns about the timing of the levy and the potential financial impact if it fails, including the need to cut funding by reducing staff.

Discussion on Levy Timing and Community Impact

- Britt Born expresses disappointment in the timing of the Deer Park school district levy and the potential negative impact on the community.
- Chief Meador explains the efforts made to coordinate with Deer Park schools and the challenges faced due to state budget cuts and House Bill 96.
- Discussion on the potential for multiple levies to appear on the ballot in 2026 and the need to plan accordingly if the levies do not pass in November 2025.
- Britt Born emphasizes the importance of strategic planning and the potential negative impact on the community if multiple levies fail.

Public Comment and Additional Discussion

- Britt Born opens the floor for public comment, with no additional comments from the gallery.

Discussion of old business – none

Discussion of new business – none

Consideration of Legislation –

Clerk Joerger read by title only –

RESOLUTION 2025-05

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESITY OF LEVYING A TAX OUTSIDE THE TEN
MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE HAMILTO COUNTY BOARD OF
ELECTIONS TO PLACE THE QUESTION OF TAX ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025,
BALLOT

A motion was made by Don Kincaid, seconded by Fred Gunnels to accept resolution 2025-05,
A roll call vote was taken, all present voted aye, motion carried.

Clerk Joerger read by title only –

RESOLUTION 2025-06

AN ANNUAL BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026

A motion was made by Fred Gunnels, seconded by Don Kincaid to accept resolution 2025-06,
A roll call vote was taken, all present voted aye, motion carried.

Mark Feldhaus made a motion, seconded by Jack Cameron to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 pm, all
present voted aye, motion passed.

Next regular meeting, August 19, 2025

Steve Imhoff – President

Belinda C. Joerger – Clerk