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
October 15, 2024
4:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Trustees

Frank Maupin
Don Kincaid
Steve Imhoff
William Jetter
Mark Feldhaus
Fred Gunnels arrived at 4:45
Britt Born
Jack Cameron

Also Present

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Britt Born, seconded by Mark Feldhaus, to accept the minutes from the last public regular board meeting held on August 20, 2024. Seven members voted aye; one member abstained. Motion passed.

Clerk's Report

- Belinda Joerger begins with the expenses for August and September, noting 94.2% of the income received and 73.1% of expenses spent.
- Discussion on the budget year-to-date for 2024, with a focus on income and expenses.
- Belinda Joerger discusses the prepayment for the second ambulance, noting the potential savings from prepaying.

Five-Year Forecast and Future Planning

- Discussion on the five-year forecast, including actual numbers for 2020-2023 and forecast numbers for 2024-2028.
- Belinda Joerger highlights the increase in contract prices for Columbia Township and Golf Manor for 2025 and 2026.

Levy Considerations and Staff Needs

- Discussion on the need for a possible levy in 2025 and the potential impact on the budget.
- Discussion on the desire to keep the levy in line with Deer Park schools' schedule to avoid competing for funds.
- Chief Meador stated there will be an upcoming staff meeting to discuss future needs and educate staff on the levy process.

A motion was made by William Jetter, seconded by Fred Gunnels to accept the Clerk Treasurer report, all present voted aye – motion passed.

Chief's Report and Significant Incidents

- Chief Meador reports on the storm damage at the station, including an electrical surge that damaged the alerting system and discussed the need to upgrade the communication system to a more modern setup.
- Chief Meador announces the departure of Firefighter Paramedic Ted Coates to a full-time lieutenant position in Fairfield Township.
- Chief Meador mentions the receipt of a grant from Firehouse Subs for new rescue tools, with no cost match required from the department
- Chief Meador discusses the Stryker cot and the need to purchase a new one due to the current cots ages and lack of repair support in the future.
- Chief Meador highlights the success of the 25th anniversary event, with various community members and organizations participating.
- Chief Meador thanks the staff for their efforts in organizing and cleaning up the station for the event.
- Chief Meador provides an update on the staff's ongoing training and the need to take a break from the hiring process to evaluate future needs.

A motion was made by Don Kincaid, seconded by Britt Born to accept the Chief's report, all present voted aye – motion passed.

- Discussion of old business – none

- Discussion of new business– none

- Public comment – Chief Meador introduces one of our new full- time hires- Alex Pietrandrea to the board.

CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION

Clerk Joerger read by title only –

<u>Resolution 2024– 10</u>

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATE S AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

A motion was made by William Jetter, seconded by Britt Born to accept resolution 2024-10,
A roll call vote was taken, all present voted aye, motion carried.

<u>Resolution 2024– 11</u>

A RESOLUTION TO REDUCE APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2024

A motion was made by Mark Feldhaus, seconded by Britt Born to accept resolution 2024-11
A roll call vote was taken, all present voted aye, motion carried.

<u>Resolution 2024– 12</u>

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2024

A motion was made by Jack Cameron, seconded by Mark Feldhaus
to accept resolution 2024-12
A roll call vote was taken, all present voted aye, motion carried.

<u>Resolution 2024– 13</u>

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COT EQUIPMENT

A motion was made by Britt Born, seconded by Jack Cameron to accept resolution 2024-13
A roll call vote was taken, all present voted aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Imhoff, seconded by Jack Cameron, to Adjourn the meeting at 5:06 PM

Steve Imhoff – President

Belinda C. Joerger – Clerk Treasurer