

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 21, 2025
4:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Trustees

Frank Maupin

Don Kincaid

Steve Imhoff

William Jetter

Mark Feldhaus

Fred Gunnels Absent

Britt Born Absent

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 Don Kincaid to excuse Jack Cameron, Britt Born and Fred Gunnels from the October 21, 2025, regular board meeting, all present voted aye – motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Don Kincaid, seconded by Steve Imhoff, to accept the minutes from the last regular board meeting held on August 12, 2025. 4 voted aye, 1 abstention – motion passed.

The meeting reviewed the financial status, with 87% of income and 68.9% of expenses incurred as of October. The 2026 proposed budget and five-year forecast were discussed, highlighting a potential \$500,000 loss without the levy passing. The new ambulance is operational, and the levy campaign is progressing well. Personnel changes include Chris Clark's retirement and Anthony Hampton's departure, reducing full-time positions to 10. The meeting concluded with a motion to enter an executive session for negotiations.

Clerk's Report

Financial Reports and Expense Reports

- The Clerk reviewed the financial status, with 87% of income received and 68.9% of expenses spent. The 2026 proposed budget and five-year forecast were discussed.

Healthcare costs are unpredictable and have been increased in the five-year forecast.

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

- On November 7, 2025, the chief will be taking part in the Hamilton County Shared Services Summit in Anderson Township.
- The summit will cover three key areas: physical development services, public services, and economic/housing development. I will have about 10 minutes to discuss our experience as a fire district and how we provide service to neighboring communities through our fire contracts with Columbia Township and Gold Manor.

Levy Campaign and New Ambulance

- Chief Meador provides an update on the levy campaign, noting that 90% of flyers have been distributed and 40 yard signs are out.
- There have been no negative responses or organized opposition to the levy campaign.
- The new ambulance is in service, with positive feedback from the public on its appearance.
- The Chief will participate in the Hamilton County Shared Services Summit to discuss collaboration between communities on public safety and economic development.

Personnel Changes and Financial Concerns

- FF/EMT Chris Clark, who has served for almost 31 years, is retiring.
- Anthony Hampton, a full time FF/Medic, is leaving to go to Taylor Mill. This departure will reduce the number of full-time positions to 10, and efforts will be made to hire two new employees in 2026.

- Steve Imhoff thanks the district for their assistance in getting him into his house after surgery. He also mentions his appreciation for the ambulance crew and their loud sirens, which help catch drivers' attention.

At 4:52 PM

A motion was made by Steve Imhoff, seconded by Mark Feldhaus to move to executive session.

Pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(4): preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of employment.

All present, voted aye. Motion passed.

Returned to regular meeting 5:38 – A motion was made by Steve Imhoff, seconded by Don Kincaid, to return to regular meeting, all present voted aye, motion passed.

No decisions were made.

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

Consideration of Legislation –

Clerk Joerger read by title only –

Resolution 2025-06

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION

A motion was made by William Jetter, seconded by Don Kincaid to accept resolution 2025-06. A roll call was taken, all present voted aye, motion passed.

Next meeting – December 16, 2025.

A motion was made by Mark Feldhaus, seconded by Don Kincaid to adjourn the board meeting at 5:40 pm. All present voted aye, motion passed.

Steve Imhoff – President

Belinda C. Joerger Clerk Treasurer