

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 21, 2026
4:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Trustees

Frank Maupin

Jack Cameron

Fred Gunnels Absent

Steve Imhoff

William Jetter

Mark Feldhaus Absent

Mark Quarry

Robin Cox

Also Present

Dennis Meador - Fire Chief

Belinda C. Joerger - Clerk Treasurer

A motion was made by Mark Quarry , seconded by Frank Maupin to excuse Fred Gunnels and Mark Feldhaus from the April 21,2026 regular board meeting, all present voted aye – motion passed.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Jack Cameron, seconded by Frank Maupin, to accept the minutes from the last regular board meeting held on February 17, 2026, all present voted aye – motion passed.

Overview

The meeting began with the introduction of new board members Mark Quarry and Robin Cox, who shared their backgrounds. Denny Meador reported on the arrival of a new ambulance and a \$40,000 workman's comp grant for a new cot system. The board was advised of the Chief's plan to use \$6,000 from the budget for a new website, which will

cost \$125 per month for hosting. The meeting concluded with no new business or resolutions.

Action Items

- Once the new website is live, upload and publish the minutes from this board meeting online so they are easily accessible to the public.
- Proceed with Legend's proposal to redesign the district website, adjust the operating budget to free up funds for the initial \$6,000 setup fee and ongoing hosting, and oversee implementation of the new site to improve public access to information such as board meetings and dispatch details.
- Review the current computer/software budget line with Chris and Belinda, identify areas where spending can be reduced, and reallocate funds so that licensing, upgrades, maintenance, and any hosting costs can be covered without impacting core services.
- Consider adding a dedicated website hosting line item in the 2027 budget so that website expenses are clearly identifiable for the public.

Outline

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes and Introduction of New Board Members

- Steve Imhoff asks if everyone has reviewed the minutes and if there are any questions.
- Jack Cameron inquiries about the amendment of the ordinance regarding the chief's salary. Clerk Joerger stated that it hadn't been listed in the minutes previously but could be added. Jack Cameron stated that if it hadn't been included in the past then to continue.
- Steve Imhoff introduces new board members Mark Query and Robin Cox, who share their backgrounds and connections to the community.

Swearing-In of New Firefighters

- Denny Meador conducts the swearing-in of new firefighters Christopher Benjamin and Alexander Hutchins.
- Christopher Benjamin and Alexander Hutchins take the oath, with their families present.
- Denny Meador welcomes the new firefighters and invites them to stay for the business portion of the meeting.

Clerk's Report

Financial Reports and Expense Reports

- Belinda Joerger presents three reports: February and March expenses, and the year-to-date budget.
- Belinda Joerger explains the budget details, noting that they are on target with 40.9% of income received and 21.8% of expenses spent.

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

Chief's Report and Miscellaneous Discussions

- Steve Imhoff and other board members express support for the website improvement plan and the potential benefits.
- Discussion on the dispatching costs and the county's consistent \$5 per detail fee.
- Denny Meador provides an update on the new ambulance and the Stryker load system, mentioning a \$40,000 grant to offset costs. Denny Meador discusses the need for a new website, mentioning the outdated current one and the benefits of a new one.
- Discussion on the need for a better public-facing website and the potential for community event listings and updates.
- The proposed budget for the new website is \$6,000 for setup and \$125 per month for hosting.
- Denny Meador emphasizes the importance of a better public-facing website for improved communication and information dissemination.
- The board agrees to proceed with the website improvement plan, with plans to reallocate funds if necessary.

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 – none

Adjournment of meeting –

A motion was made by Mark Quarry, seconded by Jack Cameron to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 pm , all present voted aye – motion passed.

Fred Gunnels

Belinda C. Joerger