

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Deer Park Silverton Joint Fire District
Public Hearing on the 2027 Tax Budget
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Held at 7050 Blue Ash Road, Silverton Ohio 45236
June 16, 2026
4:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Trustees

Frank Maupin
Steve Imhoff absent
William Jetter
Mark Feldhaus
Fred Gunnels
Jack Cameron absent
Mark Quarry
Robin Cox

Also, Present

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

Public Budget Hearing on 2027 Tax Budget

- Clerk Treasurer Joerger presented the tax budget.
- The tax budget includes property tax, contract services, and other categories, with a significant increase in property tax due to a levy.
- No questions or comments.

Regular Meeting begins at 4:40 pm

A motion was made by William Jetter, seconded by Mark Feldhaus, to approve the absences of Jack Cameron and Steve Imhoff from June 16, 2026, board meeting. All members present voted aye.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

A motion was made by Mark Quarry, seconded by Mark Feldhaus, to accept the minutes from the last regular board meeting held on April 21, 2026. All members present voted aye.

Overview

The meeting covered the approval of the 2027 tax budget. A \$170,000 donation from the protective organization was allocated for special projects. The board approved Brian Timmers' promotion to captain and discussed the need for additional supervisory positions. The new medic unit will be operational by early July. The board also authorized a five-year contract with Golf Manor and adopted a cybersecurity policy.

Action Items

- Obtain the board president's signature on the Golf Manor contract and send the executed agreement back to the village.
- Implement the promotion of Brian Timmers to the Captain position and adjust his pay to the top-level Captain rate as authorized by Resolution 2026-09.
- Execute the five-year extension of the fire and EMS contract with the Village of Golf Manor through 2031, as authorized by Resolution 2026-05.
- Prepare the new medic unit for service and have it operational on the road by the end of this month or early July.
- List the two obsolete ambulances on GovDeals and auction them off to recover value.
- Place the 2013 ambulance into reserve status for emergency use and potential interagency borrowing.
- Develop and present an update on the proposed supervisory staffing structure to the August board meeting and a more detailed proposal by the October board meeting.
- Adopt and implement the new cybersecurity policy for the district by July 1 to comply with state law.

REPORT OF THE DISTRICT CLERK TREASURER:

- Belinda Joerger discusses the 2026 budget, noting that total income is at 52% and total expenses are at 42%, with additional appropriations of \$70,000.
- Belinda Joerger mentions the BWC grant and other budget adjustments, including a down payment on a website and delinquent real estate taxes.
- Belinda Joerger mentions the three funds: general fund, capital fund, and special revenue fund, noting the \$170,000 received from the former Protective Association.

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

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS:

- Chief Meador explains the special revenue fund, which received \$170,000 from the former Protective Association for special projects. He noted that this funding is from a donation, not from our tax levies. The fund is intended for training or equipment not covered by the general fund, such as new CPR mannequins or special classes. He intends to use the funds conservatively to maintain a balance as long as possible.
- Chief Meador provides an update on fire department operations, including the promotion of Brian Timmers to captain. The promotion is based on Timmers' performance and value to the organization.
- Chief Meador discusses the Golf Manor contract, which was approved for another five years, and its benefits for the fire department.
- The new medic unit is expected to be ready by early July, with two ambulances auctioned off and one kept in reserve.
- Chief Meador addresses the need for additional supervisory positions to better manage the fire department's operations. The current staffing model appears insufficient to handle the increased run volume and daily duties. Chief Meador suggests having three captains and three lieutenants per shift to ensure adequate supervision. The plan is to evaluate staffing needs and present a finalized draft to the board by October.

A motion was made by Mark Feldhaus, seconded by Frank Maupin, to accept the director of Operations report; all present voted aye – motion passed.

Public Comment – None

Discussion of old business -none

Discussion of new business – none

Consideration of legislation:

Clerk Joerger read by title only –

Resolution 2026-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD PRESIDENT TO ENTER INTO A FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF GOLF MANOR, OHIO

A motion was made by William Jetter, seconded by Mark Quarry to accept resolution 2026-05.
A roll call was taken, all present voted aye, motion passed.

Clerk Joerger read by title only –

Resolution 2026-06

A RESOLUTION TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2026

A motion was made by Mark Quarry, seconded by Mark Feldhaus to accept resolution 2026-06.
A roll call was taken, all present voted aye, motion passed.

Clerk Joerger read by title only –

Resolution 2025-07

AN ANNUAL BUDGET RESOLUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027

A motion was made by Mark Quarry, seconded by William Jetter to accept resolution 2025-07.
A roll call was taken, all present voted aye, motion passed.

Clerk Joerger read by title only –

Resolution 2025-08

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CYBERSECURITY POLICY FOR THE DEER PARK SILVERTON JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

A motion was made by Mark Felser, seconded by William Jetter to accept resolution 2025-08. A roll call was taken, all present voted aye, motion passed.

A motion was made by William Jetter, seconded by Mark Feldhaus, to Adjourn the meeting at 5:27 PM

Respectfully submitted.

Belinda C. Joerger Clerk Treasurer

Fred Gunnels- President