



**MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2022**

Call to Order

President Stalder called the Miami Valley Fire District meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The following Trustees were present: John Stalder, Ann-Lisa Allen, Greg Bell, and Terry Posey. The following staff members were present: Ron Hess, Emily Christian, Brandon Barnett, Chris Snyder and Jennifer Johns.

A motion was made by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Bell to excuse Mr. Fritsch. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

President Stalder administered the oath of office to FF/PM Jerrod Widener.

The Board recessed into study session at 8:11 a.m. to discuss Grant Writing.

The Board recessed out of study session at 8:25 a.m.

Chief's Report

Chief Barnett will be out of town beginning later today until June 14. Staff has received the final copy of the auditor's report. No changes were made from the draft copy that the Board received. The district received another grant for 100 smoke detectors. The Lieutenant process has begun. Twelve applications were received. A written test will be administered on July 16. Applicants need 70% to pass. After the written exam the top six candidates will be interviewed. These six candidates will participate in an assessment center. Staff continues to interview applicants for

firefighter/paramedic positions. The two surplus trailers were sold. Staff is assessing all other items to see if anything else needs to be declared surplus property. Staff is currently negotiating with IAFF on a new 3-year contract. Mediation is scheduled for July 13 or 14. An informational levy flyer was presented to the Board. This flyer will be distributed to businesses, on call outs, Facebook, and the website. Staff is also preparing an informational video to be placed on Instagram, and the website. BC Renk is coordinating open houses at all the stations. These open houses will show the public the status of the fire stations along with the equipment. The first open house is scheduled for June 26 at Station #53 from 1-3.

Operational Oversight Committee

No report

Trustees Comments

Ms. Allen inquired about the staffing levels. Mr. Bell asked what the responsibilities are for the Lieutenant position? Mr. Stalder asked the Chief to provide a list of the dates/times for the open houses.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Combs
Secretary

CITY OF MIAMISBURG
10 N FIRST STREET, MIAMISBURG, OHIO

June 27, 2022

Council met in Special Joint Session at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Collins, Councilmembers: Colvin, McCabe, Nestor, Stalder, Thacker, Thompson. Miami Township Trustees Culp and Posey. Fire District Board of Trustees: Allen, Bell, Posey and Stalder.

Motion was made by Thacker, seconded by Colvin to excuse Councilmember Nicholas. Motion carried.

Mayor Collins opened the Citizen Forum and asked anyone present who wished to discuss an item not appearing on the agenda to come forward.

Doug Barry, Township resident, spoke on behalf of the Citizens for Fire Services Committee. He introduced the members of the committee along with the IAFF representatives in the audience. He stated that the committee's main goal is to help get the fire levy passed. The committee has begun their fundraising campaign. Their goal is to raise \$50,000, so far, they've raised 50%. They hope to meet their campaign goal by the end of July. The committee along with the IAFF union are working together to help pass the levy. The IAFF union will oversee the marketing strategy for this campaign. This committee is here to support the Fire Board and the firefighters. Mr. Barry informed the group that the IAFF was the first group to donate funds to the levy campaign.

Bob Spirk, President of Local IAFF 1832, spoke on behalf of the IAFF union. Mr. Spirk stated that the IAFF National has a team set up to assist with passing the fire levy. They have an 80% success rate in passing a levy the first time. Local IAFF 1832 and union members support the fire levy 100%. They have confidence in Chief Barnett's leadership and vision for the district in the future.

There was no further response. The Mayor declared the Forum closed.

Mayor Collins turned the floor over to Fire District Board of Trustees President Stalder. President Stalder introduced Chief Brandon Barnett and Assistant City Manager Emily Christian. He stated that Ms. Christian will present a brief history of the Fire District, current funding, current needs, and information on the fire levy.

Ms. Christian informed the group that the creation of the Joint Fire District began in 2006. Miami Township and City officials formed a steering committee to study joint fire and EMS services. The Steering Committee met for two years to discuss various fire/EMS issues. In 2008, the committee recommended a merger of both fire departments. In 2009, an Interim Fire Commission was formed and tasked with developing the framework for a joint fire district. In 2011, City Council and Township Trustees held a joint meeting to create the Miami Valley Fire District. In 2012, the Miami Valley Fire District began operating with

a comprehensive agreement. This agreement was for a five-year trial run with a 45/55 funding split between jurisdictions. In 2017, a joint resolution was passed to make the Miami Valley Fire District a permanent district with a budget of \$10 million. When feasible, a funding levy would be placed on the ballot that would terminate funding from both the city and township. Since 2012, funding revenue has been \$10 million, comprised from a 3-mil property tax levy along with income tax revenues from the city and a 3.65 mills and a 3.5 mills property tax levies from the township. Last year the district also generated \$1,586,000 from EMS fees and other revenues. Annual fire & EMS runs have increase 29% over the last 14 years, but the revenue has not. The district is the second busiest in the Montgomery County behind Dayton. The Board determined that the \$10 million in revenue from the current funding model no longer covers the operation costs and capital expenses. Over the last several years the district has been using their reserve funds to supplement this deficit. They have also browned out station 51. In order for the district to become a fully funded district the Board looked at 20-year cost projections and the cost of fire and EMS services. These costs are projected to be \$13-\$14 million annually. The Board looked at four options before deciding to put the 11-mill levy on the ballot. The Board also compared millage rates from other jurisdictions 11-mills is similar to other fire services. In April, the Resolution to Proceed to ballot with an 11-mil levy was adopted. This levy will go before the voters on November 8, 2022. With expected revenues at \$13.9 million, budget planning will include: implement staffing plan for all stations, hire administrative staff, provide additional training, and implement capital plan for equipment and fire stations. The comparison point for taxpayers owning a \$150,000 house equates at 11 mills to \$578 annually and \$48 monthly.

President Stalder thank Ms. Christian for her presentation.

There being no further business, Mr. Posey adjourned the Township meeting at 7:09 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn the Fire District meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Combs
Secretary