

MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES December 14, 2023

Call to Order

President Stalder called the Miami Valley Fire District meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The following Trustees were present: John Stalder, Ann-Lisa Allen, Greg Bell, Frank Fritsch and Terry Posey. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, and Mr. Bell aye. Motion carried. The following staff members were present: Keith Johnson, Chris Snyder, Brandon Barnett, Elyse Martin and Amy Phillips.

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 9, 2023. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

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

Old Business

None

New Business

President Stalder presented **Resolution No. 2023-36**. The resolution will appoint Mr. Greg Bell as Trustee to the Miami Valley Fire District for 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Mr. Allen, to read Resolution No. 2023-36 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried. A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A TRUSTEE TO THE MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES. A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-33. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

Elyse Martin presented **Resolution No. 2023-37**. The resolution will amend the Fire District's 2023 original budget resolution #2022-16. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to read Resolution No. 2023-37 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023.** A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-37. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey. Motion carried.

Elyse Martin presented Resolution No. 2023-38. The resolution will authorize the District Clerk to request an advance of taxes collected for the Miami Valley Fire District for tax year 2023 from the Montgomery County Auditor's Office. A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to read Resolution No. 2023-38 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried. A RESOLUTION BY THE MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO REQUEST AN ADVANCE OF TAXES COLLECTED FOR THE MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT FOR TAX YEAR 2023 FROM THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE. A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-38. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

Elyse Martin presented Resolution No. 2023-39. The resolution will authorize the District Clerk to appropriate and advance \$430,664.43 from the General Fund to the Grant Fund to cover the negative fund balance at year end. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to read Resolution No. 2023-39 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried. A RESOLUTION BY THE MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZING TO ADVANCE FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GRANT FUND. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-39. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

Elyse Martin presented **Resolution No. 2023-40**. The resolution will approve the 2024 budget. A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to read Resolution No. 2023-40 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS FOR JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024.** A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to adopt Resolution No. 2023-40. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to recess to an executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

Chief's Report

Chief Barnett commented that the District has received two quotes from their recent Request for Proposals ("RFP") for banking services. Elsye Martin explained that the RFP was posted on October 5, 2023 and she visited several local financial institutions to hand-deliver the information. After extensive review of both proposals from Fifth-Third Bank and Farmers Merchant Bank, it was determined that Farmers Merchant Bank would be the best for the District. Mrs. Martin will be bringing information to the Board in January for proper approval. Chief Barnett explained that B.C. Johnson has been working on a Request for Qualifications of Design Firms. It is due to be published on December 21st and December 28th with bids being due by January 19th. Chief Barnett thanked the firefighter's union for a successful Pancake Breakfast. He attended the event, which was well attended, and everyone had a good time. Chief Barnett stated that the last of the loading devices will be installed tomorrow. This will officially remove all manual cots from service.

OCC Report

Mr. Stalder thanked each employee of the District for a great year. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Trustee Report

Mr. Bell, on behalf of the Ohio River Roadrunners, thanked everyone for a great Turkey Trot. He thanked the firemen that came out, some in full gear, to participate in the run. He greatly appreciates all the work that goes into that event. He wished everyone a safe and happy Holiday.

The Board recessed into executive session at 8:19 am.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:45 am.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harover

Secretary