



**MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2024**

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, Frank Fritsch and Terry Posey. The following staff members were present: Keith Johnson, Brandon Barnett, Steve Johnson, Jennie Harover, Elyse Martin and Amy Phillips.

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 11, 2024. Motion carried.

Mr. Greg Bell presented Chief Barnett with a plaque from the Ohio River Road Runners Club in appreciation of their presence at the Turkey Trot in 2023. While their professional services were not required during the race, the Roadrunners truly appreciate MVFD watching over those that participated.

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

The Board recessed into study session at 8:05 am to discuss:

- Year in Review of 2023
- Annual Financial Report for 2023
- EMS/Fire Vehicle Purchases & Rotations
- Fire Department Restructuring
- Authorized Strength Amount & Fire Chief to Hire Process

The Board recessed out of study session at 9:14 am.

Elyse Martin presented **Resolution No. 2024-03**. The resolution will allow the District Clerk to create a trust fund pursuant to Section 9.39 of the Ohio Revised Code for any unclaimed money to be held for a period of five years or until such funds are claimed. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to read Resolution No. 2024-03 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell abstain, Mr. Fritsch aye and Mr. Posey. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE UNCLAIMED MONEY FUND FOR THE MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT, EFFECTIVE RETROACTIVELY TO JANUARY 1, 2024**. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-03. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell abstain, Mr. Fritsch aye and Mr. Posey. Motion carried.

Chief Barnett presented **Resolution No. 2024-04**. The resolution will authorize the Fire Chief to purchase a fire engine apparatus and associated equipment not to exceed \$1,000,000. A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to read Resolution No. 2024-04 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO PURCHASE A FIRE ENGINE APPARATUS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT**. A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-04. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

Chief Barnett presented **Resolution No. 2024-05**. The resolution will authorize the Fire Chief to purchase a medic apparatus and associated equipment not to exceed \$400,000. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to read Resolution No. 2024-05 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO PURCHASE A MEDIC APPARATUS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT**. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-05. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

Chief Barnett presented **Resolution No. 2024-06**. The resolution will approve the wages and benefits for a new job classification within the service of Miami Valley Fire District. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to read Resolution No. 2024-06 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE WAGES AND BENEFITS FOR NEW EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE SERVICE OF THE MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT**. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-06. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

Chief Barnett presented **Resolution No. 2024-07**. The resolution will give authority to the Fire Chief to hire district employees based on an annually authorized employee staffing list. A motion was made by Mr. Posey to amend Resolution 2024-07 by adding "Section 6 - This resolution shall only be effective upon the receipt of an opinion from counsel for the District approving the described action under the Ohio Revised Code." Mr. Bell seconded the motion. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE FIRE CHIEF TO HIRE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES BASED ON THE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE STAFFING LIST**. A motion was made by Ms. Allen,

seconded by Mr. Bell, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-07 as amended. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

Chief Barnett presented the Authorized Employee Staffing List for approval.

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to approve the Authorized Employee Staffing List depicting the number of positions authorized to be hired by the Fire Chief on behalf of the Miami Valley Fire District.

Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

Chief's Report

Chief Barnett acknowledged an award presented to the District by Dan Douglas for their support during Spring Fest in the Burg for 2023. The District currently has four open positions. One offer has been extended and that prospect is going through applicable employment testing. There are two employees on long-term leave that could be approximately 8-10 weeks. BC Johnson is working through getting the two new staff vehicles fitted with emergency lighting. As with many other vehicle accessories, the necessary light bars are taking longer to arrive than normal. Circulation fans that were approved in the 2024 budget have been ordered for stations 51, 53 and 55. These will offer noticeable improvements on air quality for these stations. The SCBAs which were ordered in 2023 should be shipping on March 12th. Requests for Qualifications of Design Services was completed in January and two of the design firms will be presenting to the Board later this morning. KZF Design will present at 10:00am and App Architecture will present at 11:00am.

OCC Report

None

Trustee Report

None

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. Motion carried.

The Board recessed into executive session at 9:25 am.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:01 am.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Harover
Secretary