



**MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 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: Chris Snyder, Emily Christian, Brandon Barnett, Steve Johnson, Jennie Harover, Elyse Martin and Amy Phillips.

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 8, 2024. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Bob Spirk, President of Local 1832, congratulated and welcomed the new hires. He reminded everyone that Sunday, March 10th was the 51st anniversary of the line of duty death of Kermit Smith. He was a firefighter for the City of Miamisburg Fire Department who died attempting a rescue from the dam on the Great Miami River. There is a memorial that includes his fire gear in Station 53. The annual golf outing will be held on May 31st. He thanked the Board for allowing union representatives to be a part of the presentations of potential new fire stations by two construction firms. As all aspects of this consideration to build are discussed, he would appreciate any involvement unit members could give with respect to staffing, equipment and/or station location/size.

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.

Chief Barnett introduced James Blom, Jedidiah Fernbaugh, Taylor Meldrum, Evan O'Brien and Evan Thompson as new Firefighter/Paramedics with the District. He presented the new hires to the Board and thanked their families and friends for being in attendance and showing their support.

President Stalder administered the oaths of office to the District's newest firefighter/paramedics.

Old Business

None

New Business

Chief Barnett presented a request for permission to surplus the 1997 KME Fire Engine currently owned by Miami Valley Fire District. This vehicle had a failure of the air brake on January 15, 2024 and sustained significant damage. The request is to surplus this vehicle and sell it on public auction through GovDeals.

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Bell, to allow MVFD to declare the fire engine presented by Chief Barnett as surplus and to list on GovDeals as a public auction.

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

Chief's Report

Chief Barnett explained that the District has applied for a PEP grant that would reimburse \$1,000 for safety equipment that we have purchased. The District has also applied for a \$479,000 grant that would be utilized for gear extractor, gear dryer and a new brush truck, which is currently the oldest vehicle in the fleet. This grant would be a 90/10 split meaning the District would be responsible for 10% of the cost. The truck ordered in December of 2021 has once again been delayed. It should now arrive in early 2025. The engine approved in February has a 250-day delivery expectation. The medic approved in February is expected in June. The company contracted for EMS billing experienced a cyber-attack and all activities have been halted. Consequently, revenues are down because of this. He has contacted the company and they have assured him that billing will resume as soon as possible and be retroactive to the time of the attack. The District also received notice from this same billing company that they would be terminating our contract at the end of December. The District is currently putting together a Request for Proposals for a new EMS billing provider. Once that has been finalized, he will be bringing a new contract to the Board for their review and approval. BC Steve Johnson is now the Montgomery County representative for the Ohio Fire Chiefs' Emergency Response Plan. April 8th is the date of the total solar eclipse. The District is working with surrounding entities to prepare an emergency action plan for that day. The District has received 26 of the 38 new sets of fire hose. The delivery of SCBAs has been delayed but should be arriving soon. Amy Phillips, HR Administrator, has completed helping the Township with their HR needs while searching for their new administrator. The District has received a new stock of carbon monoxide detectors from Firefighters & Company Federal Credit Union. We hope to have a request link out for the public soon but they can also call (937) 560-2152 to request a detector. Coffee and donuts will be available immediately following this meeting at Station 53 to welcome the new hires. He will be out of town beginning on March 29 through April 7th.

OCC Report

Chris Snyder congratulated the new hires and welcomed them to the District. He thanked Amy Phillips for her help while they transitioned to a new HR administrator. He appreciates her assistance.

Emily Christian welcomed the new hires and congratulated them for joining a great team.

Trustee Report

None

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch 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.

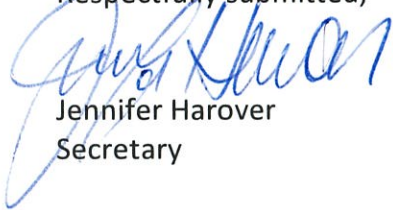
The Board recessed into executive session at 8:19 am.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:03 am.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Harover", is written over the typed name and title.

Jennifer Harover
Secretary