

# MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES October 10, 2024

### Call to Order

President Stalder called the Miami Valley Fire District meeting to order at 7:58 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Roll Call

The following Trustees were present: John Stalder, Ann-Lisa Allen, Frank Fritsch, Terry Posey and Greg Bell. The following staff members were present: Chris Snyder, Keith Johnson, Steve Johnson, Brandon Barnett, Elyse Martin and Jennifer Harover.

### **Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 19, 2024. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey abstain. Motion carried.

## **Public Comment**

No members of the public approached the Board for comments.

### **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**

Elyse Martin recommended suspending use of the unclaimed money fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Posey, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to suspend the use of the unclaimed money fund.

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

Chief Johnson presented **Resolution No. 2024-16**. The resolution will authorize the Fire Chief to enter into a contract with Ohio First Responder Grants, LLC to write and submit a grant on behalf of the District for two (2) projects through the fiscal year 2024 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to read Resolution No. 2024-16 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF OF MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A GRANT APPLICATION/PROJECT WRITING AGREEMENT WITH OHIO FIRST RESPONDER GRANTS, LLC FORE THE PURPOSE OF WRITING AND SUBMITTING TWO (2) SEPARATE GRANT PROJECTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM. A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-16. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

### **Chief's Report**

Chief Johnson informed the Board that the crews have been very busy. They had over 1,000 calls during the month of August. During the wind event in September, the District responded to over 100 calls in a single day which will ultimately lead to a high call volume for the month. Our crews have been presenting fire safety instruction to classes throughout the city's elementary schools. BC Renk does a great job with coordinating these schedules and our Lieutenants enjoy being in front of the children. The District has signed a contract with a new EMS billing company, Medicount. They are currently working with admin staff to onboard by December. Tenzinga has been implemented in the District and admin staff is also working with them to get that up and running. Crews participated in their live burn this week at Warren County Career Center where they focused on maneuvering through basement fires, roof ventilation and vent enter search (VES). Everyone worked very hard, and our admin staff was able to participate all three days. The District's training center ("cans") was very useful in preparing our crews for the live burn. While an actual fire will never be held there, it is great to have a simulation for use at any time for moving hose and maneuvering through small spaces. A letter of resignation has been received from Firefighter Ascenio. While he enjoyed the fire service, he has decided to go into the private sector. The Board/Admin Christmas party has been scheduled for Monday, December 9th at Bennett's in Miamisburg and we are hoping that this early notification will allow all members to join us. Station 55 upgrades will be moving forward to separate bunk space as well as adding an additional bunk room. The bathrooms will be remodeled so that there are two full bathrooms with showers at that location. The Spartan engine scheduled to arrive in December may possibly arrive in late November. Once here, it will go to Johnson Fire in Cincinnati and should then be in service by the first of January. The vehicle ordered in 2021 is now forecasted to arrive in March Of 2025 and the vehicle ordered in 2022 may possibly be moved up with its forecasted delivery date. Chief Johnson is happy to introduce Justin Null to the Board as our 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief. He will begin with the District on Monday, October 14th. He comes to us from Clearcreek Fire Department where he was a Captain/Shift Commander. He will come before the Board in November for his swearing in.

### **OCC Report**

No comments

### **Trustee Report**

Ms. Allen thanked everyone for inviting Board members to the live burn. Her first comment was "Wow"! She was very impressed with the eagerness, enthusiasm and overall comradery. It was

wonderful to hear thorough instruction and detailed explanation for all participants. Watching the roof venting exercise, she was very impressed.

President Stalder welcomed Justin Null to the District.

# <u>Adjournment</u>

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harover

Secretary