



**MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2024**

Call to Order

President Stalder called the Miami Valley Fire District meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

The following Trustees were present: John Stalder, Ann-Lisa Allen, Frank Fritsch, and Greg Bell. The following staff members were present: Chris Snyder, Keith Johnson, Steve Johnson, Brandon Barnett, Elyse Martin and Jennifer Harover. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch to excuse the absence of Terry Posey. Motion carried.

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 14, 2024. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Mr. Greg Bell presented a plaque to Chief Johnson on behalf of the Ohio River Road Runners for MVFD's support during the 2024 Turkey Trot. This event was very well attended. They anticipated 7,200 runners and had 8,025 running the day of the race.

Consent Agenda

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

Oath of Office

Fire Chief Johnson provided brief biographies and President Stalder administered the oaths of office to Full-time Firefighter/Paramedics Braden Brem and Kyle Villa.

President Stalder thanked staff, friends and family in attendance. He invited everyone to join the Board and the District at Station 53 immediately following today's meeting for a celebratory reception.

Old Business

None

New Business

President Stalder presented **Resolution No. 2024-17**. The resolution will appoint Mr. Greg Bell as Trustee to the Miami Valley Fire District for 2025. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to read Resolution No. 2024-17 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch 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. 2024-17. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried.

President Stalder presented **Resolution No. 2024-18**. The resolution will appoint Steven Herschel Johnson as Fire Chief of Miami Valley Fire District on January 6, 2025, following his retirement of January 3, 2025. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to read Resolution No. 2024-18 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT STEVEN HERSCHEL JOHNSON AS FIRE CHIEF OF THE MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT CONSISTENT WITH THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 505.371 AND THE DISTRICT BY-LAWS**. A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-18. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried.

Elyse Martin presented **Resolution No. 2024-19**. The resolution will amend the Fire District's 2024 original budget resolution #2023-40. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to read Resolution No. 2024-19 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024**. A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-19. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried.

Elyse Martin presented **Resolution No. 2024-20**. The resolution will authorize the District Clerk to request an advance of taxes collected for the Miami Valley Fire District for tax year 2024 from the Montgomery County Auditor's Office. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to read Resolution No. 2024-20 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch 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 2024 FROM THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE**. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-20. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried.

Elyse Martin presented **Resolution No. 2024-21**. The resolution will allow Miami Valley Fire District to enter into a lease purchase agreement through US Bank in the amount of \$527,946. The total purchase of the engine was \$827,946. The District used \$300,000 from Capital funds in 2024 budget to make a downpayment on the engine. The lease agreement is for three years with payments starting in December of 2025 in the amount of \$193,349.97 annually. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to read Resolution No. 2024-21 by title only.

Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MIAMI VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN U.S. BANCORP GOVERNMENT LEASING AND FINANCE, INC AND THE MIAMI VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF A FIRE TRUCK AND FOR THE MIAMI VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO AND AUTHORIZING OTHER DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.** A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-21. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried.

Elyse Martin presented **Resolution No. 2024-22.** The resolution will approve the 2025 budget. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to read Resolution No. 2024-22 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATIONS FOR JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025.** A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-22. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried.

Chief Johnson presented **Resolution No. 2024-23.** The resolution will authorize the Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with Premier Health to continue providing the Healthy Heroes program to our employees. The initial cost starting in 2025 will be \$4,680.00 and an annual increase of 4% starting in year two and three. After year three, the program will be re-evaluated. A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to read Resolution No. 2024-23 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried. **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PREMIER HEALTH PARTNERS (dba "PREMIER HEALTH") TO PROVIDE THE HEALTHY HEROES SERVICES PROGRAM TO THE MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT.** A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to adopt Resolution No. 2024-23. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried.

Chief's Report

Chief Johnson informed the Board that four men had traveled to South Dakota to complete a final inspection of the new engine. This trip was successful, and the engine will now go to Johnson Fire Apparatus for final lighting and shelving installation. The engine remains on schedule to be in service the first part of January at Station 51. The second engine is also on a consistent schedule to arrive in May. Crews at Station 52 were thanked for their hard work in transforming the upstairs conference room. They removed old carpeting, padding and glue to prep for new carpeting, painted the walls and assembled new chairs and tables. New HVAC systems have been installed in the administration side of Station 52, upstairs and downstairs. Lieutenant Brian Gedart and Fire Prevention Chris Amsler will both be retiring in January and information concerning those celebrations will be coming soon. Local 1832 will be holding their annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa this Saturday, December 14th at Miamisburg middle school from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Chief Johnson thanked the Board of Trustees and Operations Oversight Committee for their dedication and support throughout 2024. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

OCC Report

Mr. Johnson thanked Chief Johnson for his leadership, energy and support throughout 2024. He expects 2025 to be very busy and appreciates the crews dedication to the District.

Mr. Snyder appreciates Chief Johnson's time with the District so continuing with him was an easy decision. He is excited to see Chief moving forward with the District and supporting the community. He congratulated each of the new full-time employees.

Trustee Report

Mr. Fritsch was interested to know more about the "baby box" that was recently utilized in Lebanon. Chief Johnson explained how he was in Lebanon for the construction of their new fire station that includes the baby box and was witness to the extensive planning it. It was quite the ordeal and needed to follow many regulations. Because of that box, a newborn baby was recently left in it and, on a cold day, the process worked just as planned. The baby was less than one hour old when it was placed anonymously in the box. It was safe, healthy and warm.

Ms. Allen acknowledged that she is aware this time of year is busy for our crews and fatigue can set in quickly. She encourages everyone to reach out for any support necessary to get through this last portion of the year.

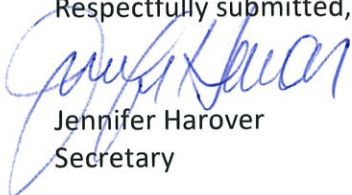
Mr. Bell thanked the Board for allowing him another year as a Trustee.

Mr. Stalder thanked the Board and OOC for a great year. He thanked Chief Johnson for an excellent job in 2024 and he looks forward to 2025. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Harover
Secretary