



**MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2025**

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.

President Stalder administered the oath of office to Trustee Greg Bell.

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, Justin Null, 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 December 12, 2024. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No members of the public approached the Board.

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, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Chief Johnson presented the Authorized Employee Staffing List for approval. This list includes adding three part-time Firefighter/Paramedics. This addition will help with staffing while also keeping part-time staff within the 1500-hour rule. Each part-time employee would work one 24-hour shift every 6th day versus every 3rd day as with full-time. There is an addition of a part-time employee for the Prevention Bureau. This was discussed to help with the workload of the two full-time staff. Also, based on previous discussions with the Board, a full-time mechanic is requested to be added. While this position was included in the approved budget for 2025, it will require more definition to the job description prior to adding the individual. This position will

most likely not come on board until mid-year and the Chief will continue to update the Board throughout that process.

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, and Mr. Fritsch aye. Motion carries.

Chief's Report

Chief Johnson congratulated the District on a successful end of the year party that was held last Friday evening at Austing Landing. Certificates/pins were given out for years of service between 5-30 years, recipients of the annual Chief's Award were announced as well as the Meritorious Conduct award given to FF/PM Brian Scott and the Employee of the Year award given to Zach Bors. The evening was a lot of fun and a way for most of the employees to spend time together. Two individuals will be retiring from the fire service next week. Lt. Brian Gedart will be retiring on January 16th and has requested no open house. Prevention Bureau Chris Amsler will be retiring on January 17th, and the District will be hosting an open house that day beginning at 2:00pm at Station 51. Replacements for these individuals will be starting on January 20th, and their oaths of office will be completed during the February meeting. The Spartan engine is still on track to be delivered/in-service the early part of March. The Sutphen engine is scheduled to arrive in early summer. The Chief thanked the staff for their hard work during the recent snow event. The District upscaled staffing during the event to have Battalions and Assistant Chiefs in the district, divided into quarters. Luckily there were no major incidents during this storm. Chief Johnson updated the Rotary on the District during their meeting in December. On January 29th, the District will be hosting a leader from Tenzinga to provide training on their application. All lieutenants will be attending an all-day development session. This will be held off-site, and staff will be off-duty with appropriate coverage at stations. This will be the best way to begin the planned staff development that everyone has been requesting. More details on this event will be coming.

OCC Report

Mr. Snyder thanked the Chief and all staff for their extra efforts during the recent snowstorm. He appreciates them always keeping the community safe.

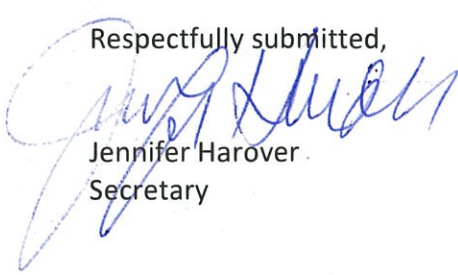
Trustee Report

No comments.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,


Jennifer Harover
Secretary