

# MIAMI VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES March 13, 2025

# **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, Keith Johnson, Steve Johnson, Brandon Barnett, Justin Null, 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 February 13, 2025. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

# **Public Comment**

Bob Spirk, President of Local 1832, took a moment to reflect on the 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the line of duty death of Kermit Smith. It is a reminder of the multiple risks that all firefighters face in the course of their careers. Mental health and cancer are the leading causes of death for firefighters with cancer being the number one concern which is why controlling/cleaning up contaminants is so important in their daily routines. May 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the District's annual golf outing and, once again, they will be donating the funds to send a child battling cancer on a dream vacation to Disney World. After a year-long process, SERB has issued a ruling to the Board of Trustees and Bob thanked them for working so professionally with the administration staff and union representatives to bring this matter to a close. He congratulated Doug Gilmore on his official title of Senior Man.

### **Presentation of Senior Man**

Fire Chief Johnson provided a brief biography for Firefighter/Paramedic Doug Gilmore. FF Gilmore has 34 years in the fire service beginning his career in 1991. He joined Miami Township in 1996 and remained through the formation of the District in 2011. The Senior Man is an unofficial, non-promoted position but is critical in the day-to-day operations of the fire department. The Senior Man helps to guide and mentor the younger members as they begin their careers. BC Renk presented FF Gilmore with his Senior Man shield and his wife, Tara, pinned on his badge.

## **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 presented **Resolution No. 2025-02**. The resolution authorizes the District to enter into a Property Schedule No 2 to a Master Lease Purchase Agreement with U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. to finance the purchase of a fire truck. This resolution will also amend Resolution 2021-09 to reflect the updated cost of the fire truck.

A motion was made by Ms. Allen, seconded by Mr. Fritsch to read Resolution 2025-02 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 MIAMI VALLEY JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO TO ENTER INTO PROPERTY SCHEDULE NO 2 TO A MASTER LEASE PURCHASE 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 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 2025-02. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

Chief Johnson presented **Resolution No. 2025-03**. The resolution will allow the Fire Chief to accept the proposal for GIS Call Mapping Services from KZF Design, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$15,500 and authorize the Fire Chief to execute contract documents. This resolution is for mapping services only and will not commit the District to complete any future services with KZF Design, Inc. The proposal and contract documents were reviewed by the Board of Trustees during their study session at the February 2025 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen to read Resolution 2025-03 by title only. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FOR GIS CALL MAPPING SERVICES FROM KZF DESIGN, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,500 AND AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO EXECUTE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen to adopt Resolution 2025-03. Mr. Stalder aye, Ms. Allen aye, Mr. Bell aye, Mr. Fritsch aye, and Mr. Posey aye. Motion carries.

### Chief's Report

Chief Johnson updated the Board on the new fire engine. It should be arriving to the District next week and will be sent to Flawless for the final detailing. The Sutphen engine is scheduled for its final punch list items by the end of March. The second Sutphen engine will have final documents signed on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and it will begin its year-long build process. We hope to have it here and in

service by the end of summer 2026. Pinpoint Behavioral Health Solutions has started their service within the district and all is going well. District Officers attended the UD Center of Leadership. FF/PM Aaron Zink will be retiring as of April 9<sup>th</sup> and will be recognized at the District meeting next month. Chief attended the Ohio Fire Chiefs conference yesterday. The biggest news is that the State and Federal reporting systems are to begin "talking" to each other. Currently, the District has to report to the State and the Federal systems through separate processes. A system is being worked out that allows reporting applications to report to both places at the same time. This will be an ongoing update throughout this year. House Bill 28 is in the U.S. Congress which could eliminate replacement levies. Chief will be watching this closely as it could drastically affect our District. Assistant Chief Barnett is returning from vacation later today and we all hope he had a relaxing trip.

## **OCC Report**

No comments.

#### **Trustee Report**

No comments.

President Stalder thanked the District for their professionalism last week when his wife was in an auto accident at St. Rte. 725 and I-75. His wife is okay, pretty bruised up, but she felt safe and cared for while at the scene due to our incredible crews.

## Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Fritsch, seconded by Ms. Allen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

ennifer Harover

Secretary