

**The Joint Fire District
Meeting Minutes
Jan 24th, 2024**

- A. Call to Order** – meeting called to order by Fessler, 6:30pm
- B. Oath of Office** – New Board Members – Brian Stull, Doug Gross
- C. Roll Call:** Present: Hess, Fessler, Gray, Stull, Gross **Absent:** None
- D. Public Participation** - None

E. Approval and Signing of Minutes:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular board meeting on Dec 13th, 2023 be approved as received from the clerk.

Moved by Gray Seconded by Hess
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting on Jan 10th, 2024 be approved as received from the clerk.

Moved by Hess Seconded by Fessler
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed

F. Clerk Report

Accept the financial report and as presented by the clerk. Approval to pay bills as presented.

Moved by Gray Seconded by Gross
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed

G. Fire Chief's Report

- 5 Fire Runs (1 Mutual Aid Out, 1 Motor Vehicle Accident)
- Chief recommended to the board that they approve a sale of Rescue 5. This vehicle will no longer be needed once new engine arrives in a year or two. Recommendation to sell now while market is still good. All rescue equipment has been moved to the engine.

A motion is made based on the recommendation of Chief Alexander to approve sale of Rescue 5 with an initial reserve of \$40,000.

Moved by Hess Seconded by Gray
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed

- A motion is made based on the recommendation of the Fire and EMS Chiefs/ EMS Assistant Chief to purchase online training service, not to exceed \$1750. Fire fighters are required 54 hrs of training every three years. This will allow an easier and economical way to receive most of that training.

Moved by Gross Seconded by Stull
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed

- The dept was recently award a \$10,000 Marcs grant to purchase a couple of new radios. We currently have 27 radios that are good for ~10 years.
- A motion is made based on the recommendation of the Fire Chief to approve the purchase of belt clips for radios from Talon Radio Carriers for the quoted amount of \$862.10.

Moved by Hess Seconded by Gray
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed

- A motion is made based on the recommendation of the Fire Chief to approve the purchase of pager batteries in the amount of \$877.50.

Moved by Stull Seconded by Gray
 Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed

- A motion is made based on the recommendation of the Fire Chief to approve the purchase of a new HVAC unit for the front room not to exceed \$9,000.00.

Moved by Gray Seconded by Hess
 Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed

- Fire Chief has expressed thanks to the Pleasant Hill VFW for a \$1,000 donation

H. EMS Report

- 21 calls for the month (4 Mutual Aid Out / 0 In)
- Austin Guittar will begin the EMS course. Kennedy Guittar has completed her initial training and is now classified as a Basic EMT
- Three new people hired for EMS
- EMS chief has promoted two staff members – Levi Robbins to Assistant EMS Chief, David Stockler and Sheldon Rapp to Captains
- Chief Woodring mentioned that the current medical director is being replaced. EMS requires a medical director for our drug license and providing approved procedures. A medical directory is necessary for us to operate and is provided free of charge.
- New reporting software is delayed more due to delay in patch to be rolled out by the county. New software may also require up pay an additional \$595 to a third-party vendor to operate.
- For comparison purposes for future EMS options, Union Township would charge us \$439,000 for EMS coverage of the Village and South to Horseshoe Bend.
- Chief Woodring recommended the board to approve a uniform budget not to exceed \$5,000. This would be for on-going uniform purchases over the entire year.

Moved by Hess Seconded by Stull
 Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed

I. Other Business

- A company has reached out for input to support the Village and Township Insurance Safety Rating (ISO). The chief is aware of the importance to provide information, but mentioned the request for information requested takes a lot of time to pull together. They will support the request as time allows.
- David Stockler mentioned that the Hazmat trailer will be stored here. We currently have six members supporting the County Hazmat response team. Cost Recovery is required by law for Hazmat. We will be reimbursed for providing our vehicle for hazmat response.
- Current board members representation: Fessler (Township Board), Hess (Township at large), Gross (Village at large), Stull (Board appointed), Gray (Village Council)

J. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting: Gray, 2nd by Hess. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Time: 8:47pm

Approval of Minutes:

