

**COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #3  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MONTHLY MEETING Minutes  
August 8th, 2022**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 17:35.

**Present:** Curt Robbins, Chuck Kronz, Debbie Parod, Brent Parkin, John Patterson

**Fire Chief:** Rich Cowger **Asst Chief:** Nick Jacobs

**Admin Assistant:** Lisa Westervelt

**Visitors:** Charity Stephens

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**APPROVE MINUTES:** Minutes for the meeting of July 11th, 2022 were presented and approved with one correction.

**TREASURER REPORT:** The treasurer's report was presented. See attached report. The month's bills were reviewed. **There was a motion made by Chuck to pay bills in the amount of \$137,844.81. Brent seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**CHIEF REPORT:** See attached.

Nick has secured a grant that would fund 2 FTEs for 2 years for Community In home health assistance. The funds are secured for the county if we decide we have the staffing to move forward with it. This program is in other counties and working well. The hospital has shared support for the program and stated if we get it going and after the 2 years we exhaust the funding, they would help with funding to keep it going.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Park City/Columbus potential merger

Employee Compensation Committee Recommendation – discussed in Executive Session from 18:28 – 19:00.

**NEW MEMBER APPROVAL:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**New Brush Truck Update**

**AFG/SAFER/DOT Grants update**

**Station Ideas Update**

**Mill Levy Issue:** We don't yet have any direction from the Commissioners for the overtax amounts. The proposed budget includes a reduction in the mills we are allowed

to charge to repay the amounts if necessary. If the County will be repaying, the mills would be adjusted (increased) and we will have a meeting to amend the budget.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Budget Approval:**

There are several uncleared transactions, Chief would like to remove any older than April 11, 2022 for a total \$2,159.57. **Debbie moved to cancel these outstanding checks, Chuck seconded and the motion passed.**

There is a mistake in the proposed budget for Printing/Postage. Chief will fix this and adjust the amount in reserves to balance the budget.

John asked about the status of the ambulance receivables, money received compared to what's billed. Pintler is managing this very well for us. We can get a report for the next meeting.

John also asked if adjusting the deductibles on the vehicle insurance would help with policy rates.

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**Debbie moved to approve compensation packages discussed in Executive Session. Brent seconded and the motion passed.**

**Debbie moved to approve proposed budget. Brent seconded and the motion carried.**

**OTHER MEMBER'S BUSINESS:**


**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**AGENDA INPUT FOR NEXT MONTH:**

**ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 19:05.**

**NEXT MEETING: September 12, 2022 5:30 PM FIREHALL**

Minutes submitted by Lisa Westervelt

  
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Chairman: Curt Robbins

  
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Secretary: Debbie Parod