

CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2022

A regular meeting of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District Board was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2022 at the firehouse located at 5138 Columbus Road Centerburg, OH 43011. The following attended:

Board Members

Richard Litzenberg
Tom Stewart
Eric Cochran

Staff

Chief McCann
Robin Santo, Clerk

Mr. Stewart called the regular Board meeting of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District to order at 7:00p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Stewart moved into executive session at 7:10pm to discuss bargaining negotiations with attorney, Mr. Dave Rippenhoff, Chief McCann and the Clerk present. Mr. Litzenberg seconded the motion.

Mr. Stewart moved to exit of executive session at 7:40pm and Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

No action taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cochran moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on November 16, 2022 and Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Mr. Stewart moved to approve the warrants presented and Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

Ms. Santo presented the monthly bank reconciliation; fund status ledger, appropriation ledger; receipt ledger and payment register for the Board's review and approval.

REPORTS

Chief McCann Report – (Attached)

Mr. Stewart moved to allow the removal of the following equipment from inventory for having no further use or value to the COJFD:

1. One residential stove – broken
2. Miscellaneous hardware – broken/outdated

Mr. Litzenberg seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Litzenberg moved to promote part-time firefighter Marzullo to full-time firefighter EMT-B at \$14.74 an hour and be placed on a one-year probation and as a condition of employment follow all parts of Police 1007 effective December 20, 2022. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Cochran moved to accept Lt. Jason Whipple's resignation/retirement effective on December 30, 2022. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Stewart moved to approve firefighter Mitchell from full-time to part-time at the rate of \$16.00 an hour effective December 30, 2022. Mr. Litzenberg seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Stewart moved to give a conditional offer of full-time firefighter to Samuel Edwards. Step 1 pay. Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Stewart moved to give a conditional offer of part-time firefighter to Mitchell Gillam at \$14.00 per hour. Mr. Litzenberg seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Cochran moved to accept the resignation of firefighter Joshua Mullett effective December 21, 2022. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

EMS Billing Received – EMS Billing received for the month of November was \$27,410.03
Training Report- (Attached)
Inspector Report- (Attached)

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Appropriations –

Resolution 12.01.22

The ***Board of Trustees*** of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District in Knox County Ohio met in regular session on the 21st day of December, 20 22, at the office of Central Ohio Joint Fire District with the following members present:

Mr. Tom Stewart
Mr. Eric Cochran
Mr. Dick Litzenberg

Mr. Stewart moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the *Board of Trustees of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District, Knox County Ohio* that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Trustees, during the fiscal year, ending ***December 31, 20 22***, the following sums be and the

same are hereby set aside and **appropriated** for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said fiscal year, as follows,

SEE ATTACHED

Mr. Litzenberg seconded the **Resolution** and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Stewart - Yes Mr. Litzenberg, yes Mr. Cochran yes

Levy - Resolution of Necessity

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
KNOX COUNTY, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO. 12.02.22

A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO LEVY A **REPLACEMENT** TAX IN

EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF *(I) For providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs; pursuant to Revised Code 5705.19(I);*

(R.C. 5705.03, 5705.191, 5705.192, 5705.25 AND 5705.19(I))

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO ("BOARD") MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON DECEMBER 21, 2022 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

ERIC COCHRAN
DICK LITZENBERG
TOM STEWART

Mr. Stewart MOVED THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT WILL BE RAISED WITHIN THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION WILL BE INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSITY REQUIREMENTS OF CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO (“DISTRICT”); AND: WHEREAS, IT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION; AND

WHEREAS, THE LEVY WOULD BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF *(I) For providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs; pursuant to Revised Code 5705.19(I);*

AND,

WHEREAS, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING A

REPLACEMENT

TAX, PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.19(I), OUTSIDE THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION MUST BE APPROVED AND CERTIFIED TO THE KNOX COUNTY AUDITOR (“AUDITOR”) IN ORDER TO PERMIT THE BOARD TO CONSIDER THE LEVY OF SUCH A TAX AND MUST REQUEST THAT THE AUDITOR CERTIFY TO THE BOARD THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE DISTRICT, AND THE NUMBER OF MILL(S) REQUIRED TO GENERATE A SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF REVENUE, OR THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY SPECIFIED NUMBER OF MILL(S).

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD AT LEAST TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD CONCURRING, AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT WILL BE RAISED WITHIN THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION WILL BE INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT.
2. IT IS NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION.
3. PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.03 (B)(1):
 - a. THE PURPOSE OF THE TAX IS AS FOLLOWS:

(I) For providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs; pursuant to Revised Code 5705.19(I);

- b. THE TYPE OF LEVY IS AS FOLLOWS:

REPLACEMENT LEVY

- c. THE SECTIONS OF THE REVISED CODE AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF THE TAX ARE R.C. 5705.03, 5705.191, AND 5705.25 AND THE FOLLOWING: 5705.19(I)
 - d. THE TERM OF THE TAX IS AS FOLLOWS;
THREE (3) YEARS ; 2023,2024,2025
 - e. THE TERRITORY WHERE THE TAX IS TO BE LEVIED IS AS FOLLOWS:
UPON THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF THE DISTRICT

- f. THE DATE OF THE ELECTION AT WHICH THE QUESTION OF THE TAX SHALL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IS AS FOLLOWS:
MAY 2, 2023
 - g. THE TERRITORY WHERE THE BALLOT MEASURE IS TO BE SUBMITTED IS AS FOLLOWS:
UPON THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF THE DISTRICT
 - h. THE TAX WILL BE FIRST LEVIED AND COLLECTED AS FOLLOWS:
THE TAX YEAR IN WHICH THE TAX WILL FIRST BE LEVIED IS 2023;
THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE TAX WILL FIRST BE COLLECTED IS 2024;
 - i. THE DISTRICT HAS TERRITORY IN KNOX COUNTY AND EACH OF THE FOLLOWING LISTED COUNTIES: N/A
4. PURSUANT TO R.C. 5705.03 (B) (1), THE FISCAL OFFICER IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO CERTIFY A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE AUDITOR. THE BOARD HEREBY REQUESTS THAT THE AUDITOR CERTIFY TO THIS BOARD OF THE FOLLOWING:
- a. THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE DISTRICT;
 - b. THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE LEVY OF THE FOLLOWING MILL(S):
5.5 MILL(S)
5. ALL FORMAL ACTIONS OF THIS BOARD CONCERNING AND RELATING TO THE PASSAGE OF THIS RESOLUTION WERE ADOPTED IN AN OPEN MEETING OF THE BOARD AND ALL DELIBERATIONS OF THIS BOARD AND OF ANY OF ITS COMMITTEES THAT RESULTED IN SUCH FORMAL ACTION WERE IN MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING R.C. 121.22.
6. THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION.

VOTED ON AND SIGNED THIS DECEMBER 21, 2022 IN REGULAR SESSION OF THE CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO. BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO

ERIC COCHRAN, _____ TRUSTEE yes

DICK LITZENBERG, _____ TRUSTEE yes

TOM STEWART, _____ TRUSTEE yes

STATE OF OHIO:

KNOX COUNTY:

AMENDED CERTIFICATE WITH MONIES ALREADY CERTIFIED

Mr. Cochran moved to allow the clerk to prepare an amended appropriation for monies that have been certified but not yet appropriated as follows:

\$25,000.00 Salaries 1000-220-190-0000

Mr. Litzenberg seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None. Motion passed.

Set 2022 Organizational meeting – The 2022 Organizational Meeting will be held on January 18, 2022 beginning at 7:00pm with the regular meeting immediately following.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Central Ohio Joint Fire District, at 8:22 p.m., Mr. Cochran made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting at 7:00p.m., on January 18, 2022, unless called upon for urgent business. Mr. Stewart seconded. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

Clerk

