

CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District Board was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 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 7:15p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

RESOLUTION 01.04.23

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CENTRAL OHIO JOINT
FIRE DISTRICT AND THE CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL
FIREFIGHTERS, IAFF, LOCAL 5203, 2023-2025 SERB NO. 2021-REP-07-0074

Whereas, in case number 2021-REP-07-0074, the State Employment Relations Board certified the Central Ohio Joint Fire District Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 5203 as the exclusive representative of all full-time Firefighters and Lieutenants employed by the District; and

Whereas, the District and the Union, have engaged in collective bargaining negotiations and reached tentative agreement to enter into the collective bargaining agreement attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, effective from the date of execution through December 31, 2025; and

Whereas, the District has been notified that the Union has ratified this collective bargaining agreement; and NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sec. 4117.10, the Central Ohio Joint Fire District Board hereby approves the collective bargaining agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the parties shall execute the Agreement and file the same with the State Employment Relations Board and deliver a copy to the District's Fiscal Officer; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to this Resolution were in compliance with O.R.C. 121.22. Adopted this 18th day of January, 2023, at 7:25pm o'clock.

Tom Stewart, Member Yes

Richard Litzenburg, Member Yes

Eric Cochran, Member Yes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Cochran moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 21, 2022 and Mr. Litzenberg 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. Litzenberg moved to award the bid for the exhaust system to MagneGrip for \$73,221.00 and Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

Mr. Cochran moved to accept the resignation of firefighter Abbiss effective January 9, 2023 and was seconded by Mr. Litzenberg. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Litzenberg moved to give a conditional part-time job offer to Mila Gebele and 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 give a conditional full-time job offer to Aaron Alfry and was seconded by Mr. Cochran. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Stewart moved to hire Mitchell Gillam as part-time at the hourly rate of \$14.00 and will serve a one year probation period. Mr. Litzenberg 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 December was \$18,144.68
Training Report- (Attached)
Inspector Report- (Attached)

NEW BUSINESS

Levy - Resolution to Proceed

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CENTRAL OHIO FIRE DISTRICT
KNOX COUNTY, OHIO
RESOLUTION NO. 01.03.2023

A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH SUBMISSION OF
THE QUESTION OF LEVYING 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 file-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, 5705.19(I), 5705.191, 5705.192, AND 5705.25)

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL OHIO FIRE DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO
("BOARD") MET IN

REGULAR SESSION ON JANUARY 18, 2023 WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

ERIC COCHRAN
RICHARD LITZENBERG
TOM STEWART

Mr. Stewart MOVED THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, THE BOARD, APPROVED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION DECLARING THE
NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION:

RESOLUTION NO: 12.02.22

DATE APPROVED: DECEMBER 21, 2022 AND;

WHEREAS, THE KNOX COUNTY ("AUDITOR") HAS CERTIFIED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE
BOARD:

1. THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE DISTRICT IS AS FOLLOWS:

\$170,594,700

2. THE NUMBER OF MILLS REQUIRED TO GENERATE A SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF
REVENUE IS, OR:

SPECIFIED AMOUNT OF REVENUE: \$938,000

REQUIRED NUMBER OF MILLS: 5.5

3. THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY SPECIFIED NUMBER OF
MILLS IS:

SPECIFIED NUMBER OF MILLS: 5.5

DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE GENERATED: \$938,000

THIS RATE AMOUNTS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF TAX VALUATION:

\$0.55

RESOLUTION

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

1. THE BOARD SHALL PROCEED WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION OF THE TAX ELECTORS.
2. THE RATE AMOUNTS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED OF TAX VALUATION AS ESTIMATED BY THE AUDITOR, IS AS FOLLOWS:

a. 5.5MILL(S);

b. THIS RATE AMOUNTS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF TAX VALUATION:

\$ 0.55

c. IF THE LEVY IS A RENEWAL LEVY OR REPLACEMENT LEVY, THIS RATE IS THE SAME RATE AS THE EXISTING TAX LEVY

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 REVISIED 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 (IN YEARS OR CONTINUING):
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 (“ELECTION”);
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. THE FISCAL OFFICER IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO CERTIFY THE LEVY TO THE AUDITOR AND THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO (“BOE”). CERTIFICATIONS SHALL INCLUDE COPIES OF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:
- a. RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY (RESOLUTION NO. 12.02.22 ADOPTED ON December 21, 2022; AND,
 - b. CERTIFICATION OF THE AUDITOR; AND,
 - c. RESOLUTION TO PROCEED (THIS RESOLUTION).

CERTIFICATION SHALL OCCUR BY NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM ON February 1, 2023
(90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION)

THE FISCAL OFFICER SHALL ALSO NOTIFY THE BOE TO CAUSE NOTICE OF THE ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING THE TAX TO BE GIVEN AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

5. THE BOE IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO SUBMIT SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING QUESTION TO THE ELECTORS AT THE ELECTION:

OFFICIAL QUESTIONS AND ISSUES BALLOT
PRIMARY/SPECIAL ELECTION

May 2, 2023
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (REPLACEMENT)
CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT
KNOX COUNTY, OHIO

A MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IS NECESSARY FOR

PASSAGE

AN ADDITIONAL TAX FOR THE BENEFIT OF CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO 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);

AT A RATE NOT EXCEEDING 5.5 MILLS FOR EACH ONE DOLLAR
OF VALUATION WHICH AMOUNTS TO \$0.55 FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF VALUATION FOR THREE (3) YEAR
COMMENCING
IN 2023, FIRST DUE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2024.

FOR THE LEVY
AGAINST THE LEVY

6. 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.

Mr. Cochran SECONDED THE MOTION.
VOTED ON AND SIGNED THIS 18TH DAY OF JANUARY 2023 IN CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT,
KNOX COUNTY, OHIO.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO

<u>Mr. Stewart</u> , TRUSTEE	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Mr. Cochran</u> TRUSTEE	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Mr. Litzenberg</u> , TRUSTEE	<u>Yes</u>

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:

\$28,000.00

Transfers Out

4901-910-910-0000

FUND TRANSFER

\$28,000.00

FROM: Transfers Out – 4901-910-910-0000

TO: Transfers In – 3101-931-0000

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Central Ohio Joint Fire District, at 7:55 p.m., Mr. Cochran made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting at 7:00p.m., on February 15, 2023, unless called upon for urgent business. Mr. Stewart seconded. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Cochran and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

Clerk
