

CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2024

A regular meeting of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District Board was held on August 21, 2024, at the firehouse located at 5138 Columbus Road Centerburg, OH 43011. The following attended:

Board Members

Peter Dickerson
Tom Stewart
Eric Cochran

Staff

Chief McCann
Courtney DeCosky, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Stewart called the regular Board meeting of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District to order at 7:01p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

n/a

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on July 17, 2024, and Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

Ms. DeCosky 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)

Chief McCann reported that the Dot Program had been completed for Milford, the Village, South Bloomfield, and Hilliar.

The citation hearing for TRGG Holding LLC (Hackett) is Friday at 9:30 at the Ohio Board of Building Appeals, Division of Industrial Compliance.

Oxygen Bottle rental is now estimated at \$240/month.

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Stewart made a motion to approve Paramedic School tuition for FF Gebel, and Mr. Cochran seconded. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None. The tuition is estimated to be \$8000 estimate. COJFD may be able to obtain another Ohio Means Jobs grant to cover the tuition.

Mr. Stewart proposed a resolution to receive the Ohio Means Jobs Grant for Incumbent Worker Training in the amount of \$6,912.00 and the funds to reimburse Central Ohio Joint Fire District 90% of FF Poole's medic class tuition, per grant guidelines. Mr. Dickerson seconded.

Roll call:

Mr. Stewart	Yes
Mr. Cochran	Yes
Mr. Dickerson	Yes

Mr. Dickerson proposed a resolution to receive the Bureau of Workers Compensation Grant in the amount of \$30,396.02, and Mr. Cochran seconded.

Roll call:

Mr. Stewart	Yes
Mr. Cochran	Yes
Mr. Dickerson	Yes

Mr. Stewart made a motion to use the Bureau of Workers Compensation Grant funds to cover 75% of the Stryker stair-chairs in the amount of \$30,396.02, with COJFD being responsible for 10% in the amount of \$10,132.00. Mr. Stewart seconded. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

Mr. Dickerson proposed a resolution to receive the Ohio Ambulance Impact Grant in the amount of \$105,794.00, effective July 22, 2024, and appropriate the grant money to payroll for employee retention, in compliance with the grant. Mr. Stewart seconded.

Roll call:

Mr. Stewart	Yes
Mr. Cochran	Yes
Mr. Dickerson	Yes

FO DeCosky will request amended certificates to account for the grant awards with the Knox County Auditor.

Mr. Stewart made a motion to have the Fiscal Officer transfer \$15,000.00 out of Operating Expenses - Building (100-220-420-0003) to Dues and Fees (1000-220-510-0000), and Mr. Stewart seconded. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

Mr. Dickerson made a motion to have the Fiscal Officer transfer \$10,000.00 of Operating Expenses - Building (100-220-420-0003) to Contracted Services - Building (1000-220-360-0003), and Mr. Stewart seconded. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

Mr. Cochran made a motion to have the Fiscal Officer transfer \$2000.00 out of Audit Services (100-220-312-0000) to Operating Supplies - Office (1000-220-420-0005), and Mr. Dickerson seconded. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

Chief McCann shared that presently COJFD has more people on the full-time list off probation than on probation for the first time in 5 years. The pay raises at the beginning of the year have had a positive impact on employee retention.

On Chief McCann's suggestion, Mr. Stewart motioned to offer conditional job offers to Paramedic Rob Glaze at \$19/hour, EMT Tylerlee Jones at \$17/hour, and t EMT John Baldinelli at \$17/hour. Mr.

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

There will be an Open House Oct 9, 17:30 to 19:30, with a firefighter challenge course for kids. Chief McCann will be available for a Q&A during that time.

Additionally, there will be a Chat with Fire Chief on Oct 25, from 9-11:00.

Fire Report (Attached)

EMS Report (Attached)

EMS Billing Received – EMS Billing received for the month of July was \$94,538.53

Training Report- (Attached)

Inspector Report- (Attached)

NEW BUSINESS

Chief McCann passed out a draft of a mailer and letter with levy information for Board review, paid for by the COJFD Fire Levy Committee. The Board will review and give feedback to Chief as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Central Ohio Joint Fire District, at 7:52 p.m., Mr. Cochran made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., on August 18, 2024, unless called upon for urgent business. Mr. Steward seconded. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

Clerk
