

**CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES
ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
January 15, 2025**

The annual organizational meeting of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at the Fire House, 5138 Columbus Road, Centerburg, Ohio. The following attended:

Board Members

Tom Stewart
Peter Dickerson
Eric Cochran

Staff

Courtney DeCosky, Fiscal Officer
Chief Mark McCann
Chris Farmer, Fire Prevention Officer

Guests

Crystal McElhaney
Jill Hunter

Ms. DeCosky called the Annual Organizational Board meeting at 7:03 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF FIREFIGHTERS

Firefighter John Baldinelli was sworn in.

NOMINATIONS

Mr. Cochran nominated Mr. Stewart as Chairman of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District and Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. On roll call vote in the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

Mr. Stewart nominated Mr. Cochran as Vice Chairman of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District and Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. On roll call vote in the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO
Resolution No. 01.15.2025.01**

The Board of Trustees of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District, Knox County, Ohio met in the annual organization meeting on the 15th day of January 2025 at the Fire House with the following members present:

Eric Cochran, Trustee
Tom Stewart, Trustee

Peter Dickerson, Trustee

Mr. Dickerson moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, the Central Ohio Joint Fire District will have their monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meetings will be held at the Fire House, 5138 Columbus Road, Centerburg, Ohio.

Mr. Cochran seconded the motion, and the roll was called on the question of its adoption. The vote was as follows:

Tom Stewart, Trustee yes Dick Dickerson, Trustee yes

Eric Cochran, Trustee yes

Adopted: January 15th, 2024

The Board agreed to the following:

- The District's checking account will remain at Park National Bank. The Districts' investments will remain at Star Ohio and Park National Bank.
- The clerk will use Park National Bank for employee direct deposit transactions. The clerk will also be allowed to make all withholding payments, utility payments and vendors compatible via EFT.
- Board members of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District will be compensated the maximum legal salary per meeting (\$30.00), for a maximum of fifteen meetings per year.
- The District will reimburse all mileage based on the Internal Revenue Service recommendations which is \$0.70
- Copies of public records will be \$0.05 per sheet, payable before records are released.
- Central Ohio Joint Fire District will be the District's Public Records Commission. The Commission will consist of the Chairman, Clerk, County Prosecutor and Fire Chief.
- The current Board members' terms and expiration dates are as follows:

Tom Stewart, Centerburg Village Council – term expires 12/31/25

Peter Dickerson, Milford Township Trustee – term expires 12/31/25

Eric Cochran, Hilliar Township Trustee – term expires 12/31/25

- Chief McCann's salary will be \$100,277 a year. The Fire Chief's base hours will be 40 hours per week. The Board will continue to pay for single health care coverage for the Fire Chief and 50% of family insurance. The Fire Chief will have five (5) weeks of paid vacation. In lieu of compensatory time, the Fire Chief shall be permitted to take off from work as needed. The Fire Chief shall be compensated for Sick or Injury Leave according to the Policy and Procedures Manual. The Fire Chief shall have authorization to spend up to \$5,000.00 without Board approval.
 - Mr. Cochran shared he has been questioned by his residents on salaries. He questioned whether salaries were board approved. Ms. DeCosky would provide reports and possible minutes noting salaries to Mr. Cochran.
 - Mr. Cochran questioned whether the Captain was paid salary or hourly. It was confirmed he has an hourly rate. Mr. Stewart motioned to list the Captain's pay at an hourly rate, and Mr. Cochran seconded. On roll call vote in the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.
- The following pay schedule for full-time fire/EMS bargaining personnel will be per the Collective Bargaining Agreement effective through December 31, 2025, which includes a 1% cost of living increase in 2025.

Allgeyer, Geoffrey \$27.53

Andrian, David \$30.60

Caito, Chris \$27.53
Campbell, Devin \$25.46
Castle, Jacob \$27.53
Castle, Robert \$27.53
Gebele, Mila \$23.54
Gillam, Mitchell \$25.45
Leddy, Charles \$27.53
Marzullo, Dominic \$27.53
McCoy, Dylan \$25.45
Poole, Joshua \$24.48
Priest, Brandon \$26.47
Schlosser, Adam \$27.53

- Mr. Stewart moved to give a 1% cost of living increase to Risk Reduction Officer Farmer and Captain Burnes, to match the 1% increase given to the firefighters as part of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, and Mr. Dickerson seconded. On roll call vote in the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

Fire Prevention
\$ 91,867.58 - Annually

Captain / Paramedic – Non – exempt
\$ 32.14 - Hourly

Part-Time Firefighter/EMS
EMT- \$17.00 per hour
Adv EMT - \$18.00 per hour
Paramedics - \$19.00 per hour

- Ms. DeCosky informed the board that according to the Ohio Township Association's compensation chart, Fiscal Officers were eligible to get a 1.75% cost of living increase annually until 2028. Mr. Dickerson motioned to increase the clerk's salary to \$24,657, which includes the 1.75% cost of living increase, and Mr. Cochran seconded. On roll call vote in the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, KNOX COUNTY, OHIO
Resolution No. 01.15.2024.02

The Board of Trustees of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District, Knox County, Ohio met in the annual organization meeting on the 15th day of January 2025 at the Fire House with the following members present:

Peter Dickerson, Trustee
Eric Cochran, Trustee

Tom Stewart, Trustee

Mr. Stewart moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, the Central Ohio Joint Fire District will reserve the right to advertise and sell surplus items via Internet auction as per the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion, and the roll was called on the question of its adoption. The vote was as follows:

Peter Dickerson, Trustee	<u>yes</u>	Eric Cochran, Trustee	<u>yes</u>
Tom Stewart, Trustee	<u>yes</u>		

Adopted: January 15, 2025

Mr. Cochran made a motion at 7:24 p.m. to adjourn the annual organizational meeting. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. On roll call vote in the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

Clerk
