

**CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 20, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District Board was held on Wednesday, July 20, 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.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Joe Castle was sworn into the Central Ohio Joint Fire District by Chief McCann.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

George Blocker and Peter Dickerson came to address concerns being brought to them from members of the community about the district being disbanded. They questioned whether there possibly should be a meeting with all the trustees from the townships, village council and the Board within the district. Mr. Blocker indicated that Milford Township was approached to meet with Hartford Fire Board from another township trustee. Chief McCann and the Board indicated that to their understanding, nothing has or will transpire for the district to disband.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Litzenberg moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on June 15, 2022 and Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Litzenberg and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

Mr. Cochran moved to approve the minutes from the 2023 Budget Hearing meeting on June 15, 2022 and Mr. Litzenberg seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Litzenberg and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Mr. Litzenberg moved to approve the warrants presented and Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Litzenberg and Mr. Stewart. 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)*

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Stewart moved to allow hiring of non-paramedics that would have to receive a paramedic card from 2.5 years to 3 years upon hiring and Mr. Litzenberg seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Litzenberg and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: none.

Mr. Cochran moved to approve the Tuition Reimbursement Policy presented (policy attached) and Mr. Litzenberg seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Litzenberg and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Stewart moved to accept FF Jacob Lopez's resignation effective July 26, 2022, with regrets and Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Litzenberg and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Stewart moved to give a conditional offer to Joseph Castle from part-time to full-time with hourly pay at \$16.17 per hour. Mr. Litzenberg seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Litzenberg and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Stewart moved to give a conditional offer of employment to Devin Campbell at \$15.33 per hour. Mr. Campbell must sign COJFD commitment of employment letter per Policy 1007.7 and pass the OP&F exam. Mr. Litzenberg seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Litzenberg and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Stewart moved to give a conditional offer of employment to Gabriel Staats at \$14.04 per hour. Mr. Staats must sign COJFD commitment of employment letter per Policy 1007.7 and pass the OP&F exam. Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Litzenberg and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

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

On Chief McCann's recommendation, Mr. Stewart moved to give a conditional offer to Wyatt Massie for part-time fire fighter at \$14.00 per hour. Mr. Cochran 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 June was \$21,805.94  
*Training Report-* (Attached)  
*Inspector Report-* (Attached)

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Litzenberg moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:38p.m. to discuss preparation for collective bargaining matters with Chief McCann and Clerk present. Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Litzenberg and Mr. Cochran. In the negative: none.

Mr. Litzenberg moved to exit out of Executive Session at 8:54p.m. and Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Litzenberg and Mr. Cochran. In the negative: None.

No action taken.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Central Ohio Joint Fire District, at 8:55p.m., Mr. Cochran made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting at 7:00p.m., on August 17, 2022. Mr. Litzenberg seconded. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Stewart and Mr. Litzenberg. In the negative: None.

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Clerk

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