

**CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 16, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Central Ohio Joint Fire District Board was held on October 16, 2024, at the firehouse located at 5138 Columbus Road Centerburg, OH 43011. The following attended:

**Board Members**

Peter Dickerson  
Tom Stewart  
Eric Cochran  
Daniel Hardwick, Centerburg Village Alternate

**Staff**

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

**Guests**

Crystal McElhaney

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

**SWEARING IN OF FIREFIGHTERS**

Firefighters, Hayden Normann and Daniel Ellinger were sworn in.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Dickerson moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 19, 2024, and Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Mr. Cochran moved to approve the warrants presented, and Mr. Dickerson 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.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

N/A

**REPORTS**

*Chief McCann Report* – (Attached)

If the board decides to contract with RecoveryUSA, they would be billing insurance companies, not the residents. All insurance companies would get the bill whether or not they live out of the district, and all the residents would need to do is give the name of their insurance. The Board will review all documents before deciding at the next meeting.

Chief McCann, FPO Farmer, and the Board reviewed the Ohio Fire Code’s Appendices, with feedback provided from Captain Burnes, Lt. Andrian and Lt. Alfrey provided in the Chief’s report and determined which Appendices would be adopted after receiving the resolution from the Prosecutor.

To Adopt: *Appendices B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, N*

Not to Adopt: *Appendices A, K, L, M*

For any of the Appendices that would be adopted, there would be means and process to adjudicate against it if the owner felt it necessary.

Discussion on the Central Ohio District Hydrant Program ensued. Chief McCann clarified that the District's program requires less than the Ohio Fire Code. For instance, standard for a developed lot is 300 ft between hydrants, while the District's program allows 400 ft. Zoning determines whether a lot is commercial or residential. Chief McCann further clarified that if it is an existing road, the District is responsible for installing the hydrants, which it currently budgets 10K for annually. If it is a new road, the developer would be responsible for the installation cost.

Mr. Dickerson moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 10.16.2024.01

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CENTRAL OHIO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT'S HYDRANT PROGRAM, ESTABLISHED ON AUGUST 30, 2021

Whereas, RURAL ROADS, identified as Residential or Commercial Lots not within a village or roads not being developed by a commercial developer, hydrant spacing should be 800 ft. apart. Topography, lack of development, lack of easement acquisition, and lack of funding would allow for variances; and

Whereas, URBAN STREETS OR COMMERCIAL LOTS within a village/city limit or being developed by a commercial developer would require a 400 ft hydrant placing and plan approval. Exception would be remanufacturing, or commercial development that may require closer spacing; and

Whereas, HYDRANT SPECIFICATION would meet Delco specifications for installation and would have 5"STORZ fitting and two, 2.5" outlets, approved by Delco and reviewed annually;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Central Ohio Joint Fire District Board hereby adopts the hydrant program attached hereto as Exhibit A; 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.

Mr. Cochran seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Eric Cochran, yes

Mr. Peter Dickerson, yes

Mr. Tom Stewart, yes

Mr. Cochran moved to place the following on GovDeals: 1-Saw, 1-exhaust fan, P421 car Serial # and 2-stair chars, being of no use. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

Mr. Stewart moved to approve sending Capt. Burnes to the Ohio Fire Executive Office program, and Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

On Chief McCann’s recommendation, Mr. Stewart moved to hire Part-Time EMT/FF John Baldinelli @ \$17.00 per hour, and Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

*Inspector Report- (Attached)*

*Fire Report (Attached)*

*EMS Report (Attached)*

*Training Report- (Attached)*

*EMS Billing Received* – EMS Billing received for the month of September was \$26,144.85

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Dickerson moved to have the Fiscal Officer transfer \$6,777.00 out of Dues and Fees (100-220-510-0000) to Medical and Hospitalization (1000-220-221-0000) to be reallocated towards employee insurance premiums, and Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

Mr. Stewart moved to have the Fiscal Officer process an amended certificate for \$282,000 with appropriation of monies to SALARIES – 1000-220-190-000 that have been certified but not yet appropriated payroll and benefits for the remainder of 2024, and Mr. Cochran seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

Mr. Stewart moved to have the Clerk prepare an Amended Certificate of Revenue in the amount of \$266,992.26 in the General Fund. This is a result of unanticipated revenue of property and other local taxes, intergovernmental, earnings on investments and miscellaneous. Mr. Dickerson seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Central Ohio Joint Fire District, at 8:32 p.m., Mr. Cochran made a motion to adjourn until the next regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., on November 20, 2024, unless called upon for urgent business. Mr. Stewart seconded the motion. In the affirmative: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Stewart. In the negative: None.

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