



West Licking Joint Fire District
851 East Broad Street
Pataskala, Ohio 43062

Board of Trustees

MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2025

James Kincaid II, President, opened the meeting at 6:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Jersey – Dan Wetzel

Harrison – Mark Van Buren

Etna – Rozland McKee

Hebron – Kenney Nauer

Kirkersville – James Kincaid II

Pataskala – Tom Lee

Reynoldsburg – Stacie Baker

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Ms. McKee motioned to go into executive session to review negotiations with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment ORC §121.22.4. Mr. Lee seconded.

Vote: Kincaid – yes; McKee – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes; Nauer – yes.

Motion carried. The Board went into executive session at 6:04 p.m.

Ms. McKee motioned to come out of executive session at 6:22 p.m. Mr. Nauer seconded. **Vote:** Kincaid – yes; McKee – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes; Nauer – yes. **Motion carried.**

Ms. McKee motioned to approve the CBA between the District and West Licking Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 3025 for the period of 11-01-2025 through 10-31-2027. Mr. Wetzel seconded. **Vote:** Kincaid – yes; McKee – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – abstain; Nauer – yes. **Motion carried.**

OPEN DISCUSSION:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Lee motioned to approve the March 13, 2025, Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Wetzel seconded. **Vote:** Kincaid – yes; McKee – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes; Nauer – yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

Mr. Van Buren motioned to approve the March 2025 financial statements. Mr. Lee seconded. **Vote:** Kincaid – yes; McKee – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes; Nauer – yes. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Mr. Van Buren motioned to approve the vouchers for March 2025. Mr. Lee seconded. **Vote:** Kincaid – yes; McKee – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes; Nauer – yes. **Motion carried.**

CHIEF:

A. Chief Jack Treinish informed the Board that on March 26, 2025, the District responded to a mutual aid fire with Basil on State Route 158 and the crews did a fantastic job.

B. Chief Treinish informed the Board, the District has five safety items in this year's capital budget and the second item on this list is new TIC's (thermal imaging cameras) there are six front line and six back step. The cost for these 12 TICs' is \$35,382.00.

Mr. Van Buren motioned to approve the purchase of 12 TIC's at a cost of \$35,382.00. Ms. McKee seconded. Vote: Kincaid – yes; McKee – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes; Nauer – yes. **Motion carried.**

- C. Chief Treinish informed the Board he attended the Pataskala Rotary Club meeting today and provided them with the year-end update and answered their questions concerning the levy.
- D. Chief Treinish informed the Board he has been receiving numerous calls from Developers wanting to alter the requirements that are set in the code.

Mr. Van Buren stated if those are the rules there is a reason for it.

Chief Treinish stated he wanted the Board to be aware of these calls in case the Developers approach the various entities concerning this.

- E. Chief Treinish informed the Board the District has been in contact with John Albers, Attorney at Law concerning HB 69, which he helped to write to see if the District would be able to recover some of the lost revenues due to the TIF's. He believes that there is a good possibility for this and sent over a contract.

Mr. Van Buren motioned to enter an engagement of legal services with Albers and Albers Attorneys-At-Law. Ms. McKee seconded. Vote: Kincaid – yes; McKee – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes; Nauer – yes. **Motion carried.**

Due to these abatements and TIFs the District's current millage effective rate is 5.9 mills out of 11 mills.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF OPERATIONS/EMS:

- A. Joseph Krouse, Assistant Chief, informed the Board the March 2025 stats are contained in their packet. If anyone has any questions, please let him know.
- B. AC Krouse informed the Board the District has been asked to participate in the Cavalier study by Mount Carmel. This is a double blind study and the District would receive \$750.00 per patient who participated in the study.

Mr. Lee motioned for the District to participate in the Cavalier Study. Mr. Baker seconded. Vote: Kincaid – yes; McKee – yes; Baker – yes; Van Buren – yes; Lee – yes; Wetzel – yes; Nauer – yes. **Motion carried.**

- C. AC Krouse reminded the Board, the next Town Hall meeting will be held at Station 406 on April 17th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- D. AC Krouse informed the Board, AC Magers will be holding numerous trainings at Station 42.

LOCAL 3025:

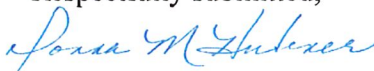
- A. Tom Barnhill, President of Local 3025 informed the Board the Local has signs and shirts for the levy.

Chief Treinish informed the Board the straight-line winds from last week took the siding off one end of the Jefferson St facility. The repairs will be under \$3,500.00.

Chief Treinish reminded the Board that the next Town Hall meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Station 406 in Hebron and the final Town Hall is scheduled for April 30, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Station 404 in Reynoldsburg.

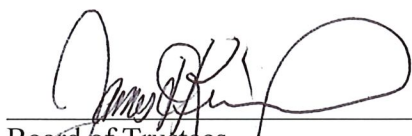
There being no further business, Mr. Kincaid adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

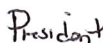


Donna M. Hubner
Fiscal Officer

APPROVED:



Board of Trustees



Title

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