

**WELLINGTON COMMUNITY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
January 4, 2022
REGULAR MEETING**

I. Pledge of Allegiance 7:14 p.m.

Call to Order by Fred Pitts-President

Roll Call: The following members were present:

Brighton Twp. Craig Norton	Village of Wellington Gene Hartman
Huntington Twp. Walter Rollin	Wellington Twp. Fred Pitts
Penfield Twp. Eric Flynn	Pittsfield Twp. Mark Deidrick
Others Present: Chief Wetherbee	FO Poling A/C Pitts A/C Regal Lt Fox
Lt Barlow Lt. Hamer Kim Meyer	FF Burgos Lt. Knapp

II. Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Craig Norton, 2nd by Eric Flynn to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

II. Approval of Financial Report:

Motion made by Gene Hartman, 2nd by Craig Norton to approve Financial Report as presented to the board. All in favor.

III. Approval of Expenses:

Motion set forth by Walter Rollin, 2nd by Eric Flynn to approve current month expenses as presented. All in favor.

V. Department Report:

Chief Wetherbee submitted and went over his monthly report.

A/C Pitts submitted and went over his monthly report.

VI. Committee Reports:

Finance- FO Poling reported that the 2023 Permanent Appropriations were approved by the County.

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Personnel: Motion by Gene Hartman, 2nd by Craig Norton to approve the 2023 structure and committees. All in favor.

Motion by Mark Deidrick, 2nd by Craig Norton to maintain Meyers Law Firm as District Legal Counsel for 2023 at \$150 hourly rate and \$70 per hour for paralegal services. All in favor.

Motion by Gene Hartman, 2nd by Eric Flynn to appoint Dr. Miller with Metro Health as the 2023 Medical Director. All in favor.

Chief Wetherbee presented all present with the Auditor of State Fraud Reporting information and all signed acknowledgement of receiving it for their file.

Motion by Mark Deidrick, 2nd by Eric Flynn to accept the resignation of FF Bianca Inman as of January 1, 2023. Chief Wetherbee read her resignation letter. All in favor.

Old Business: Chief Wetherbee reported that the AFG denied the District's grant request for radios. Chief Wetherbee posed the question to the Board to see if the district should resubmit. Gene

Hartman inquired if the request should be reduced or if there was another category we should be seeking funds from. Chief Wetherbee stated, with the uncertainty of the County Commissions and the possibility of them resending the ARPA Money for Safety Services Radios, it should be resubmitted with MOUs as is. Chief Wetherbee also noted that this resubmission of the Grant should come at no cost to the District due to the Grant Writer being paid to complete the proposal last cycle. The Board agreed to resubmit due to the great need and cost of new radios. Chief Wetherbee reported that the Lorain County Commissioners committed to purchasing radios for the safety services at their December 21, 2022 meeting. Chief Wetherbee also voiced great concern that with the newly elected commissioner that decision may be rescinded.

New Business: Chief Wetherbee presented the Cleveland Communications Agreement. Legal Counsel Meyers was asked to review it, and stated that the District should ask for 3.9, hold harmless, of the agreement to be removed and also clarify and have the document renumbered due to a missing Article II. Chief Wetherbee will request those changes from Cleveland Communications. Chief Wetherbee reported that he was submitting a grant through the State Fire Marshal for training reimbursement, an equipment grant up to \$15,000 and a supplemental equipment grant for \$125,000 requesting nozzles, large hose, and ventilation fans. Chief Wetherbee also reported submitting a Grant to Wellington Women's League for small hose. Gene Hartman suggested checking with the VFW for grant opportunities, and also maybe the Eagle's and LMRE. A/C Pitts reported that the district has compiled items that are no longer of use/value to the District and he would like to dispose of/sell items. He will make a list of items and determine value, if any. It was announced that the District will host their Annual Dinner for recognition January 28th 5pm at the Eagle's; Board Members were asked to RSVP. Gene Hartman thanked the District and FF Ed Burgos for the installation of a car seat for his grandson this month, and he also thanked the Chief and A/C Pitts for the tour of the station for his 2-year-old grandson.

Adjourn: Motion made by Eric Flynn, second by Craig Norton to adjourn at 8:51pm. All in favor.

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 1, 2023 @ 7 pm.

President Fred Pitts Fiscal Officer A. [Signature]
Approved 2/1/23