## WELLINGTON COMMUNITY FIRE DISTRICT **BOARD MINUTES December 4, 2024** REGULAR MEETING

## I. Pledge of Allegiance 6:00 p.m.

## Call to Order by Fred Pitts President

Roll Call: The following members were present:

Brighton Twp. Craig Norton Penfield Twp. Eric Flynn

Huntington Twp. Walter Rollin Village Council Hartman

Pittsfield Twp. Mark Deidrick Wellington Twp. Fred Pitts

FO Sarah Poling

Others Present: Chief Wetherbee

A/C Pitts

A/C Regal Lt Fox

Lt Barlow

Lt. Hamer

LT. Knapp

FF Burgos

Kim Meyers

# II. Approval of Minutes:

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

### II. Approval of Financial Report:

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

### III. Approval of Expenses:

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

Motion by Eric Flynn, second by Craig Norton to pay final 2024 bills as needed after review by Finance Committee. 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.

### **Committee Reports:**

Finance- FO Poling presented 2025 Appropriation Budget with no changes from the July submission to the County. Motion by Gene Hartman, second by Craig Norton to approve the 2025 Permanent Appropriations as presented for \$1,355,510.00 Resolution #01-12042024 Roll Call: Norton, yes; Rollin, yes; Flynn, yes; Diedrick, yes; Pitts, yes; Hartman, yes.

FO Poling reported that the County approved the 2025 Valuation as \$\$549,443, 820.00 this week. The Board reviewed numbers and options for the 2025 Levy. Motion by Craig Norton, second by Eric Flynn to request Renewal of the current levy at 2.75 mils generating the same income as the last 5 years Resolution #02-12042024 Roll Call: Norton, yes; Rollin, yes; Flynn, yes; Diedrick, yes; Pitts, yes; Hartman, yes. Motion by Craig Norton, second by Eric Flynn to request a replacement of 2.75 mils and a decrease of .25 mils (decrease equaling 2.5 mil collection on the current valuation) #03-12042024 Roll Call: Norton, yes; Rollin, yes; Flynn, yes; Diedrick, yes; Pitts, yes; Hartman, yes.

FO Poling noted that there were two training opportunities coming up: UAN Year-End Update and Ohio Township Association Winter Conference. FO Poling reported that she planned to attend both. Motion by Walter Rollin, second by Mark Deidrick to approve up to \$500 towards training expenses: mileage, meals, lodging, and conference registration. All in favor.

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**Personnel**: Chief Wetherbee reported that FF Nathan Thorn, FF Ryan Ashley, FF Malachi Lara, and FF Brayden Hamer all passed their FF2 on the first try. Chief noted that the Board will need to complete committee assignments; legal counsel appointment; medical director appointment, and approve the 2025 roster at the next meeting.

Motion by Eric Flynn, second by Walter Rollin to enter into executive session for personnel at 6:43pm. Roll Call: Norton, yes; Rollin, yes; Flynn, yes; Diedrick, yes; Pitts, yes; Hartman, yes. Motion to re enter the regular meeting at 7:09pm by Craig Norton, second by Eric Flynn. Roll Call:

Norton, yes; Rollin, yes; Flynn, yes; Diedrick, yes; Pitts, yes; Hartman, yes.

Motion by Craig Norton, second by Eric Flynn to approve Mike Wetherbee at Chief if the WCFD with a 3-year contract and a 5% increase in salary beginning January 1, 2025. All in favor.

Motion by Eric Flynn, second by Mark Deidrick to approve Troy Pitts as Assistance Chief of WCFD with a 3-year contract and a 5% increase in salary beginning January 1, 2025. All in favor.

Motion by Gene Hartman, second by Eric Flynn to approve Sarah Poling as Fiscal Officer of WCFD with a 5% increase as of January 1, 2025. All favor.

**Old Business:** Chief Wetherbee reported that Truck 154 is out for Refurb. Chief Wetherbee gave a truck committee update: committee is waiting for pricing from Rosenbauer, and just received Alexis's quote today. Chief Wetherbee reported that legal counsel has the information from the bank and is working on the needed letter for the reduction in the interest rate based on having a tax-exempt status.

**New Business:** Chief Wetherbee reported that the District will need to appoint the VFDF Board at the next meeting. Upcoming events are the District Family Christmas, December 11; next board meeting, January 9th; Annual Banquet January 25th.

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Craig Norton, second by Gene Hartman to adjourn at 7:20 pm. All in favor.

Next meeting is January 9, 2025 @ 7pm.

President Fred Pitt

Fiscal Officer

Approved 1/9/2025