

**WELLINGTON COMMUNITY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
June 7, 2023
REGULAR MEETING**

I. Pledge of Allegiance 7:05 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
Wellington Twp. Fred Pitts	Pittsfield Twp. Mark Deidrick
Penfield Twp. Eric Flynn	Huntington Twp. Walter Rollin
Fiscal Officer Poling	

Others Present: Chief Wetherbee A/C Pitts A/C Regal Lt Fox
Lt Barlow Kim Meyers Lt. Knapp FF Burgos

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 Mark Deidrick, 2nd by Eric Flynn to approve Financial Report as presented to the board. All in favor.

III. Approval of Expenses:

Motion set forth by Mark Deidrick, 2nd by Gene Hartman 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 request to present under new business, Chair granted.

House Numbering- 2

Personnel: Chief Wetherbee request executive session for personnel. Motion by Craig Norton, second by Eric Flynn to enter into executive session for personnel at 7:38pm. Roll Call: Norton, yes; Rollin, Yes; Flynn, yes; Deidrick, yes; Pitts, yes; Hartman, yes. Motion by Mark Deidrick, second by Eric Flynn to re enter into regular meeting at 7:58pm. Roll Call: Norton, yes; Rollin, Yes; Flynn, yes; Deidrick, yes; Pitts, yes; Hartman, yes. Chair announced no decision at this time.

Old Business: Chief Wetherbee reported that he continues to wait for the AFG announcement of grant award. Chief Wetherbee reports continuing trying to coordinate with Cristie from the County to set up Tyler New World on the District iPads. Chief Wetherbee reported that both

and A/C Pitts have medical questionnaires to complete so we can receive a medical insurance quote from a new company.

New Business: Chief Wetherbee present information about the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, and the opportunity joining would give us for the Harris Radios purchase. Chief Wetherbee presented the Board with a promotional offer to purchase the Harris Radios, and noted that the offer was only good through June 28th. Motion by Craig Norton, second by Gene Hartman to purchase the Harris Radios: 32 Portable Radios with Fire Mic, 9 Mobile Vehicle Radios, 1 Mobile Base, and 1 Backroom Mobile through the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. Gene Hartman requested Chief Wetherbee report what he knows about the AFG money if we choose to purchase the radios tonight. Chief reported that he would immediately contact the grant writer if it was voted through tonight, and the information that he has receive this far has been that in a rare case they have reimbursed for a purchase that was made prior to the award, but there were other uses for the District to use that communication money for if not, such as pagers, long-life batteries, ect. Craig Norton stated that he did not want to risk Firefighters or residents any longer and urged a yes vote. Gene Hartman reported that making a similar purchase by the June 28th Deadline was on the agenda for both SLAD and the Village for the PD. Eric Flynn inquired if the other departments on the grant were able to purchase them, and did not want to jeopardize them getting the grant. Eric Flynn also wants a safe scene where all present can communicate. Chief Wetherbee reported that some of the other departments were moving forward with purchasing and some where still trying to figure it out. Roll Call: Norton, yes; Rollin, Yes; Flynn, yes; Deidrick, yes; Pitts, yes; Hartman, yes. Motion by Eric Flynn, second by Craig Norton to join Ohio Cooperative Purchasing by adopting Resolution 01-06072023. Roll Call: Norton, yes; Rollin, Yes; Flynn, yes; Deidrick, yes; Pitts, yes; Hartman, yes.

Motion by Gene Hartman, second by Craig Norton to request an additional \$245,000 be added to the 2023 appropriations for the purchase of the Harris Radios and possibility of having to match AFG funds. All in favor.

Chief Wetherbee presented his capital planning model, financial forecast, and proposed 2024 appropriations. Discussion about the next levy cycle was also started. Gene Hartman requested that the Budget and Finance Committee meet prior to the next meeting and then approve the 2024 budget for the County at the July Meeting.

Chief Wetherbee reported being interviewed by, and cooperative with Auditor Keith Faber's investigator regarding the County Commissioners and Radios.

FO Poling recommended that \$1,000,000.00 of the Districts money be placed in a CD at the Farmer's Savings Bank for 4.5% for one year. Motion by Gene Hartman, second by Craig Norton to enter into a 1-year CD with Farmer's Savings Bank with \$1,000,000.00 All in favor.

Adjourn: Motion made by Walter Rollin, second by Eric Flynn to adjourn at 9:06pm. All in favor.

Next meeting is Wednesday, July 5, 2023 @ 7 pm.

President

Fred Pitts

Fiscal Officer

Sam Poling

Approved 7/5/2023