

**WELLINGTON COMMUNITY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
April 5, 2023
REGULAR MEETING**

I. Pledge of Allegiance 7:00 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 A/C Pitts A/C Regal Lt Fox

Lt Barlow Lt. Hamer Kim Meyers FF Burgos Lt. Knapp Lt Reynolds

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 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 Gene Hartman, 2nd by Walter Rollin 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- none

House Numbering- 4

Personnel: Motion by Craig Norton, 2nd by Eric Flynn to promote Lt. Fox to pay \$16.00 which is F6 as of April 1, 2023. All in favor.

Chief Wetherbee reported that the District Members had blood drawn on April 1st and physicals were scheduled for April 11.

Motion to enter into executive session by Eric Flynn, second by Craig Norton for personnel at 7:44pm. Roll Call Pitts, yes; Flynn, yes; Norton, yes; Rollin, yes; Deidrick, yes; Hartman, yes.

Motion to reenter into regular session by Mark Deidrick, second by Craig Norton at 7:49pm. Roll Call Pitts, yes; Flynn, yes; Norton, yes; Rollin, yes; Deidrick, yes; Hartman, yes.

Old Business: Chief Wetherbee reported that he looked for the FEMA Grant recipients to be announced this summer. Working with Cristie from the County to set up Tyler New World on the District iPads. Chief Wetherbee reported that he had 20 signed Radio Resolutions by

Townships, Villages, Fire, and EMS Departments. He expects to receive 5 more prior to him presenting them to the Lorain County Commissioners at their April 21st meeting. There is continued discussion with FF Crawford and Lt. Fox about the 154 refurbishing project to include lights, body, and chassis. They are working to find vendors/shops to complete the work. Chief would prefer it to be out one time and not be in and out of service.

New Business: Motion by Gene Hartman, second by Mark Deidrick to not renew with the Employee Assistance Program: AssitNow and join the VFIS Employee Assistance Program. Chief Wetherbee presented information about the current Employee Assistance Program: AssitNow that we participate in: it is currently \$32 per person per year and then an annual fee of \$896 per year. VFIS is working to begin an Employee Assistance Program and it would be \$11.67 per person per year and 329.28 annual fee. Chief Wetherbee will let AssitNow know we are not going to renew with them. All in favor.

Motion by Mark Deidrick, second by Gene Hartman to move forward with NCW as the new phone and internet provider of the District at a rate of \$151.05 per month with an upfront purchase of new phones for \$5,300 if NCW meets all requirements. Chief Wetherbee presented that the current provider Armstrong is charging \$609.59 per month for their services and for the same service it will be 151.05 per month from NCW. Chief Wetherbee will explore getting out of contract with Armstrong and will work with Legal to confirm there is no conflict of interest with a paternal cousin working there. All in favor.

Chief Wetherbee reported reviewing the medical insurance that the Village of Wellington is currently using to see if there would be a cost savings for the District.

Adjourn: Motion made by Mark Deidrick, second by Eric Flynn to adjourn at 8:24pm. All in favor.

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 3, 2023 @ 7 pm.

President

Fred Pitts

Fiscal Officer

Approved 5/3/2023

Mark Soling