

**WELLINGTON COMMUNITY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
September 6, 2023
REGULAR MEETING**

I. Pledge of Allegiance 7:09 p.m.

Call to Order by Fred Pitts-President

Roll Call: The following members were present:

Brighton Twp. Craig Norton Wellington Twp. Fred Pitts Penfield Twp. Eric Flynn

Huntington Twp. Walter Rollin Fiscal Officer Poling

Others Present: Chief Wetherbee A/C Pitts A/C Regal Lt Fox

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

II. Approval of Minutes:

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

II. Approval of Financial Report:

Motion made by Craig Norton, 2nd by Walter Rollin 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.

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- 1

Personnel: Chief Wetherbee reported that the three new hires from August will be starting their 32 hour class this weekend and 3 FF1 will have begun their FF2 class as of Tuesday.

Motion to enter into executive session for personnel at 7:45pm by Eric Flynn, second by Craig Norton. Roll Call: Pitts, yes; Norton, yes, Rollin, yes; Flynn, yes. Motion to reenter regular session at 7:57pm by Craig Norton, second by Eric Flynn. Roll Call: Pitts, yes; Norton, yes, Rollin, yes; Flynn, yes. Fred Pitts announced no decision.

Chief Wetherbee reported that had tested a few more applicants and conducted interviews; He is recommending hiring: Brayden Hamer. Motion by Eric Flynn, second by Craig Norton to hire Brayden Hamer contingent on completion of all new hire paperwork and background checks effective September 6, 2023. Chief reported that her will register him for the 36-hour class beginning September 9th.

Old Business: Chief Wetherbee reported that he continues to wait for the AFG announcement of grant award. Chief Wetherbee reported the transition to Tyler New World continues. Chief Wetherbee reported speaking with an insurance representative and has some concerns with a transition due to increases that the Village and SCLAD have experienced in the double digits. Chief reports that he is looking into the 154 refurbishing and continues to consider the possibly changing the capital spending to radios/pagers if the AFG grant is not received. Chief Wetherbee is working with other Southern Lorain County Departments on radio set up with anticipation of getting the new radios.

New Business: Chief Wetherbee reported concerns about 911 and dispatching; he and other chief plan to meet with 911 about manning a fire desk and other ways to improve the process and safety. Chief Wetherbee feels that a Plan B may be needed if there aren't changes/improvements at 911 don't occur and suggested maybe localizing dispatch. Chief Wetherbee reported working with other Safety Service Chiefs on the weather sirens and emergency alerting. Chief Wetherbee reported that there was a procedure, but improvements need to be made which were evident during the weather events of August. Chief reported that in the past EMA would monitor the weather and contact the areas being affected, but they don't do that and the District should not rely on EMA for that service. Chief reported looking into applications and ways to use LEADS, WENZ, Noah Weather Radio ect.; EMA has committed to assisting with finding the tools for the District.

Adjourn: Motion made by Craig Norton, second by Walter Rollin to adjourn at 8:25pm. All in favor.

Next meeting is Wednesday, October 4, 2023 @ 7 pm.

President

Fred Pitts

Fiscal Officer

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Approved 10/4/2023