

**WELLINGTON COMMUNITY FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
January 9, 2024
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	Penfield Twp. Eric Flynn	Pittsfield Twp. Mark Deidrick
Wellington Twp. Fred Pitts	Village Council Hartman	FO Sarah Poling

Others Present: Chief Wetherbee A/C Regal Lt Fox LT. Knapp FF Crawford
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.

III. Approval of Financial Report:

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

IV. Approval of Expenses:

Motion set forth by Craig Norton, 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 monthly report submitted.

VI. Committee Reports:

Finance- Motion by Craig Norton, second by Gene Hartman submitting the question of a 2.75 mill replacement levy with a decrease of .25mills, equaling 2.5mills, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefore and payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firemen and to operate the same. **Resolution #01-01092025** Roll Call: Norton, yes; Flynn, yes; Deidrick, yes; Pitts, yes; Hartman, yes.

House Numbering- 3

Personnel: Chief Wetherbee presented three applications that he has received. Motion by Eric Flynn, second by Craig Norton to begin the hiring process. All in favor.

Old Business: Chief Wetherbee reported on the Truck #154 Refurb project, and noted that tires may be needed in addition to the items listed for the project. Chief Wetherbee presented requested information about a new copier lease or purchase with a monthly service agreement. Chief Wetherbee recommended a purchase based on the savings for the District; Trustees will decide at the next meeting. Motion by Craig Norton, second by Eric Flynn to accept the

Apparatus Agreement for the New HME Engine in the amount of \$863,700.00 from MES. Board President Fred Pitts will be the designated signer of the agreement. **Resolution #02-01092025** Roll Call: Norton, yes; Flynn, yes; Deidrick, yes; Pitts, yes; Hartman, yes. Motion by Craig Norton, second by Eric Flynn to purchase additional equipment to get the new engine in service from MES in the amount of \$49,276.50. **Resolution #03-01092025** Roll Call: Norton, yes; Flynn, yes; Deidrick, yes; Pitts, yes; Hartman, yes. Motion by Craig Norton, second by Eric Flynn to borrow \$680,000 from the Farmer's Savings Bank with a CD Guaranteed Loan, tax exempt for 1% over the CD for a Five (5) year period. Fiscal Officer Poling, Board President Fred Pitts, and Board Member Craig Norton were designated to be the signers of the loan. Legal Counsel will submit needed paperwork for the tax exemption. **Resolution #04-01092025** Roll Call: Norton, yes; Flynn, yes; Deidrick, yes; Pitts, yes; Hartman, yes.

New Business: Chief Wetherbee presented the current rooster. Motion by Eric Flynn, second by Gene Hartman to approve the 2025 Roster as presented. All in favor. Motion by Mark Diedrick, second by Trustee Eric Flynn to appoint Fred Pitts as President for 2025. All in favor. Motion by Trustee Deidrick, second by Eric Flynn to appoint Gene Hartman as Vice President for 2025. All in favor. Motion by Mark Deidrick, second by Craig Norton to approve the VFDF Board as recommended by Chief Wetherbee. All in favor. Motion by Eric Flynn, second by Craig Norton to approve the committee assignments as presented. All in favor. Motion by Craig Norton, second by Mark Deidrick to hire Kim Meyers as the District Legal Counsel for 2025. All in favor. Motion by Gene Hartman, second by Eric Flynn to hire MetroHealth for the 2025 Medical Director for the District. All in favor. Annual Banquet January 25th.

Adjourn: Motion made by Eric Flynn, second by Craig Norton to adjourn at 8:33 pm. All in favor.

Next meeting is February 5, 2025 @ 7pm.

President Fred Pitts Fiscal Officer Sarah Poling
Approved 2/5/25

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February 5, 2024
REGULAR MEETING**

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	Penfield Twp. Eric Flynn	Pittsfield Twp. Mark Deidrick
Wellington Twp. Fred Pitts	Village Council Hartman	Huntington Twp. Walter Rollin
FO Sarah Poling		

Others Present: Chief Wetherbee	A/C Pitts	A/C Regal	Lt Fox	LT. Knapp	
Lt. Hamer	Lt. Barlow	FF F. Marley	FF Crawford	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.

III. 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.

IV. 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 monthly report submitted and reviewed

VI. Committee Reports:

Finance- None

House Numbering- 1

Personnel: Chief Wetherbee requested testing the three new candidates; Chief reported that Fire School begins on February 11th. Motion by Craig Norton, second by Walter Rollin to hire Ethan Zietlow, Ethan Bias, and Caleb Kiser pending they interview and test well, and all background checks and new hire paperwork is completed. All in favor. Chief and A/C will be attending a Fireworks Training March 5th prior to the next board meeting.

Old Business: Chief Wetherbee reported on the Truck #154 Refurb project, and noted that the truck is out for paint at this time. Chief Wetherbee reported that after reviewing the new HME Engine that was approved at the last meeting there were additional items which had been overlooked, and he is requesting an additional \$11,531.52. Motion by Craig Norton, second by Mark Deidrick to approve an additional \$11,531.52 for the purchase of 158 (HME Ahrens-Fox)

from MES. All in favor. Attorney Myers presented a draft letter for review to complete the bank requirements and proceed with obtaining the loan with Farmers' Savings Bank. Chief Wetherbee presented the Board with the requested information for a new copier lease/purchase with a service agreement. Motion by Gene Hartman, second by Walter Rollin to purchase a new copier through ComDoc and the Equalis Group, as the cooperative purchasing Program, for \$7321.62 and obtain a monthly service agreement for 60 months at a cost of \$3237.00. All in favor. Chief Wetherbee reported that he had submitted the District's Fire Levy paperwork to the Board of Elections, and is waiting to find out the issue number will be. Chief Wetherbee noted that there is a levy committee forming with the Fire Association Treasurer and past treasurer. Chief would like to provide them with information.

New Business: Chief Wetherbee reported a nozzle on the Ladder Truck #151 not functioning as it should. Chief Wetherbee reported that he had researched and presented the cost of the needed repairs/rebuild; a replacement nozzle unit; and new nozzle from Akron Brass, the same nozzle as on another apparatus. Motion by Gene Hartman, second by Eric Flynn to purchase a new nozzle unit from Akron Brass in the amount of \$22,368.74 for ladder #151 to come out of 2025 Capital. All in favor.

Adjourn: Motion made by Eric Flynn, second by Craig Norton to adjourn at 8:10 pm. All in favor.

Next meeting is March 5, 2025 @ 7pm.

President Fred Pitts Fiscal Officer S. Soling
Approved 3/5/24