

UNAPPROVED

Dover-Clayton-Hudson Joint Fire Board Meeting February 15, 2024 Minutes

The annual meeting of the Dover-Clayton-Hudson Joint Fire Board was called to order Thursday February 15, 2024 at 8pm by Fire Board Chair Blaine Baker at the Clayton Village office. Dover and Clayton Village were both represented. Hudson Township Board members present were Supervisor Matthew Smith, Clerk Marcy Griffin, Trustee Barry Anderson and Trustee Doug Cook. Treasurer Cathy Henning was absent.

Minutes for the 2023 joint meeting and special meeting were read by Cathy Brown, fire board secretary. Minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer Lori Deline gave her report. Blaine presented the proposed budget. There was an increase of 16% from last year. All three entities had previously approved the budget at their respective meetings. Matt Smaith made a motion to accept the budget, John Lee from Clayton Village supported the motion. Motion passed.

Blaine discussed updating the contract. Sue Jacobs from Clayton expressed that everyone is pleased with the improvements seen so far. Blaine will meet with the supervisors and President of Clayton to work on a contract. Marcy Griffin will handle the paperwork. She will contact Fred Lucas attorney to get something together.

Chief Terrill gave an update on what they have done so far. There are currently 24 active members. They need AEDs at \$2,000, maintenance contract for the air trailer at \$1,500, maintenance contract for the building generator at \$1,800, new porta tank at \$2,000 and turn out gear at \$25,000 - \$30,000. The jeep can be repaired for \$7,000-10,000. He feels this is a better idea for a vehicle that gets very little use considering the tanker will need to be replaced in 3-5 years. After some discussion on the jeep and the current apparatus funds being held in trust by the fire board, it was decided to use the funds to repair the jeep. Dover – Amber Swanders made the motion and Mike Birdsell supported – Dover approved. Hudson TWP Marcy made a motion with support from Barry – Hudson approved.

With some discussion Marcy suggested approving a one time funding of \$37,000 to address the issues stated above by Chief Terrill. It was suggested to divide this between the entities the same way as the budget. Mike Birdsell made a motion, supported by Amber Swanders to approve funding in the amount of \$18,500 from Dover TWP. Motion passed. Barry Anderson made a motion, supported by Matt Smith to approve funding in the amount of \$9,250 from Hudson TWP. Motion passed. John Lee made a motion, supported by Ken Grubb to approve funding in the amount of \$9,250 from Village of Clayton. Motion passed. Each entity will send the funds at their next board meeting.

The lease agreement was brought up. Marcy stated the lease is up to the Village of Clayton, they need to decide what they want to do with that.

Public comment; Allison Terrill mentioned the fundraiser happening March 10, 2024. They are having a chili cookoff with raffles / silent auction held at the event.

Someone in the audience mentioned that mutual aide and support from surrounding fire departments has been helpful and greatly appreciated. Chief Terrill mentioned CPR certification is now up to date on all department members.

Amber Swanders was concerned about the budget showing such a large deficit. She would like to look over the books to see if there is truly that much of a deficit or is it in the way the budget is presented. Lori said she will get with Amber.

An audience member raised concern with the 16% increase and why was maintenance never kept up on.

Henry read a prepared statement about the improvements of the fire department in reaction to questions made at the last Clayton Village meeting.

Blaine asked for a motion to adjourn. Dan Borck made the motions and was supported by Sue Jacobs. Motion passed.

Meeting closed at pm 9:30pm

Submitted by Marcy Griffin, Clerk

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