



Holmes Fire District #1

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Holmes Fire District #1 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes June 12th, 2025 @ 6:00PM

Call to Order

Holmes Fire District #1 Board of Trustees met in regular session on June 12th, 2025, at 6:00PM. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ervin Yoder and the Pledge of Allegiance given.

Roll Call

The following board members were present: Dave Crilow, Mike Shriver Kelly Hoffee, Chad Curry, and Ervin Yoder.

The following staff members were present Michele Gerber, Brian Rafferty, Ryan Peterman, Reuben Miller, Nick Frieden, Daniel Mast, Ryan Smith, Ben Peterman, and Andrew Berman

Meeting Minutes

- A motion was made by Mrs. Hoffee, seconded by Mr. Crilow, to approve the minutes of the May 8th, 2025, regular meeting, *Approved by All.*

Financial Report – Fiscal Officer Michele Gerber

- A motion was made by Mr. Crilow, seconded by Mr. Curry, to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay bills as presented. *Approved by All.*

Chief's Report – Fire Chief Brian Rafferty

- Presented board with the May report on call volume, including mutual aid, and reported on public service requests for smoke detectors and address signs.
- Josh Visser, FF/EMT submitted a leave of absence for 18 months for a mission trip.
- Cory Wagers has dropped out of the Paramedic class. Will possibly take an EMT-Advanced class this fall through Buckeye Career Center.
- Took delivery of the rescue boat from Sugarcreek FD. Clinton Twp. FD purchased our boats for \$1000.00
- The Assistant Chief position has been posted and will close June 16th.
- ODNR Grant update – Building our own fire suppression unit for the Polaris. The cost will be slightly over the \$3000 matching grant amount, but \$3000 to \$4000 less than a pre-built unit.
- Medic 72 is having engine issues that seem to be getting worse. The engine possibly needs to be replaced and would cost close to \$30,000. Discussed not putting that much money into a 15-year-old truck and when next replacement would be. The engine will be checked more extensively, and no immediate decision is needed at this time.

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Old Business

- A motion was made by Mr. Crilow and seconded by Mr. Shriver to approve the 3rd reading to place the 1.5 mill levy renewal on the November 2025 ballot. ***Approved by all.***

New Business

- Motion by Mrs. Hoffee, seconded by Mr. Yoder to go into executive session “To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official.” ***Approved by All at 6:34pm***
- Motion by Mr. Yoder, seconded by Mrs. Hoffee to return to regular session. ***Approved by All at 7:00pm***
- It was approved by mutual consent that Chief Rafferty will select the Assistant Fire Chief when appropriate.

Board Discussion and Open Floor

- Lt. Peterman gave report on SAFER Grant. Advised after discussion by department officers, we decided not to pursue the grant.
- No new information on AFG Grant.
- Information shared from the Ohio Fire Chiefs Association on pending legislation.

Adjournment

- Motion made by Mr. Yoder and seconded by Mrs. Hoffee ***Approved by all.***

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