

**The Joint Fire District
Meeting Minutes
Sept 24th, 2025**

- A. Call to Order** – meeting called to order by Hess, 6:30pm
B. Roll Call: Present: Hess, Gray, Stull, Gross, Stoner **Absent:** Gross

C. Public Participation

D. Approval and Signing of Minutes:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular board meeting on July 23rd, 2025 and Special Meeting on August 19th be approved as received from the clerk. (Note: No meeting minutes from August to Approve as we did not have a quorum)

Moved by Gray Seconded by Stoner
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

E. Clerk Report

Accept the financial report and as presented by the clerk, including Bank Reconciliations for both July and August, 2025.

Moved by Stull Seconded by Stoner
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

F. EMS Reports

- 31 Calls (8 In No Coverage, 3 Out to Union Township)
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G. Fire Reports

- 8 Calls (2 Combine/Field, 1 rollover/entrapment, 1 Aid to Bradford)
- YTD 310 Calls – Both Fire/EMS
- Cascade System has been installed
- Community Picnic was a success

H. Other Business / Action Items

It is recommended by the chief to approve \$860.44 for the purchase of new tires for the utility truck

Moved by Hess Seconded by Stull
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

Due to the loss of some EMS staff, it is recommended by the chief that the JFD approve a reimbursement to our neighboring EMS partners of \$350 per run. This will help provide temporary mutual aid coverage when we are out of service, until we are able to get staffing back to normal levels.

Moved by Gray Seconded by Stoner
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

It is recommended by the Chief that the board approve new pay rates effective next pay period to be competitive with neighboring departments. Basic EMT \$16/hr; Advanced EMT \$17/hr, Paramedic \$18/hr. This is based on eliminating OT after Jan 1. OT is at discretion of the chief through end of the year. This is also conditional on eliminating Incentive Pay to cover shifts starting next pay period.

Moved by Stull Seconded by Stoner
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

- I. A recommendation is made by the President to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Moved by Gray Seconded by Stoner
Discussion: Roll Call: Ayes 4 Nays 0 Motion Passed

J. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting: Gray, 2nd by Stoner. Vote: 4 Yes 0 No. Time: 8:40 pm

Approval of Minutes:

