



# REFUGEE-CANYON JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

Meeting Agenda  
22 October 2020

The Refugee-Canyon Fire District Board of Trustees will meet at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 22, 2020, at the Refugee-Canyon Fire Station, 111 Basin Street, Hebron, OH.

***Pursuant to the order made by the Ohio Department of Health on March 12, 2020 forbidding mass gatherings and advising social distancing, this meeting will be made available to the public via Refugee-Canyon Joint Fire District Facebook page:***

***<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Fire-Station/Refugee-Canyon-Joint-Fire-District-116315836501837/>***

## AGENDA

1. Call to order/ Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Appoint Tyler Vorhees (Firefighter/Paramedic) to a part-time position effective October 31, 2020, pending results of background check.
4. Swear-in:
  - a. Kristen Warner (Firefighter/EMT), appointed at previous meeting
  - b. Tyler Vorhees (Firefighter/Paramedic)
5. Public comment: Members of the public are asked to submit their comments to the board by email to [station350@rcfiredistrict.org](mailto:station350@rcfiredistrict.org).
  - a. Comments received from Patty Costello, attached.
6. Review and approve minutes from the previous regular meeting held October 8, 2020.
7. Clerk/ Fiscal Officer's Report
  - a. September reconciliation is pending review of a deposit from U.S. Treasury.
  - b. UAN payroll update
8. Chief's Report
  - a. VFIS audit report
  - b. September 2020 fire/EMS activity report
9. Old Business:
  - a. Update on Station 2, 6265 Lancaster Rd.
10. New Business:
  - a. Request approval of policy changes to take effect January 1, 2021: 313 Purchasing, 1242 Timesheets, 1243 Paid Leave, and 1244 Employee Payroll



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11. Members' Minute
12. Confirm the next meeting date, time, and location
  - a. 12 November 2020, 7:00 PM at 111 Basin Street
13. Adjourn

## Amanda N. Perkowski

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**Subject:** FW: Is there a special meeting today  
**Attachments:** Fwd: Meeting; Fwd: Meeting; Fwd: Meeting

**From:** Amanda N. Perkowski <fiscalofficer@rcfiredistrict.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 9, 2020 2:06 PM  
**To:** 'Patty Costello'  
**Cc:** 'Clifford L. Mason, Fire Chief' <firechief@rcfiredistrict.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Is there a special meeting today

Patty,

The attached emails from you were received at 6:52 PM, 6:59 PM and 7:07 PM the evening of the meeting held on 08 October 2020 at 7:00 PM. The board invites viewers of the meeting to submit comments to [station350@rcfiredistrict.org](mailto:station350@rcfiredistrict.org) but does not state that such comments will be addressed at the current meeting. The email address is not monitored during the public meetings.

The board has opted to use Facebook as a free means to stream the public meetings live, and the delivery of the public meetings is in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code and guidance issued by the Ohio Attorney General (please refer to emails sent to you on March 26, 2020). The public is currently able to come to the meetings on a first come, first serve basis, and the room is limited to ten people and social distancing is practiced per the recommendations from Governor DeWine.

I have listed your comments from the attached emails below. They will be communicated to the board and included on the agenda for the next meeting; however, please note that comments found not to be in compliance with RCFD's public participation policy may be excluded.

1. Comment: "Please explain why the problem with utility payments is happening. Why is there not a lease agreement in place one year into this. Unless it is a master metered apartment building or a very old office or industrial building, the entity using the utilities pays for them."
2. Comment: "Why is RCFD not paying rent, and why are they not paying their proportional share of taxes and insurance. That would, of course, be all of it."
3. Comment: "Do Mr Weekly and Mr Prince begin to understand why the attorney for the RCFD warned about your conflicts of interest. How can you be an advocate for Union Township, who elected you, and the RCFD, to which you appointed yourselves. Now that the conflict, which was always there, has come to the forefront, where does your primary duties lie"

Kind regards,

*Amanda N. Perkowski*

*Fiscal Officer*

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**From:** Patty Costello  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 8, 2020 9:15 PM  
**To:** Amanda N. Perkowski <[fiscalofficer@rcfiredistrict.org](mailto:fiscalofficer@rcfiredistrict.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Is there a special meeting today

I sent three public comments to the [station350@rcfiredistrict.org](http://station350@rcfiredistrict.org) website. None of my questions were addressed. I am upset about this, I am upset about the fact that these issues were not discussed at the meeting regardless of my questions.

Please explain to me why board has not adapted a Zoom or similar format that is interactive. This is not the first time public comments have not been addressed. Is the public able to appear at the meetings.

On Thursday, October 8, 2020, 7:49:14 PM EDT, Amanda N. Perkowski <[fiscalofficer@rcfiredistrict.org](mailto:fiscalofficer@rcfiredistrict.org)> wrote:

What public comments?

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**From:** Patty Costello  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 8, 2020 7:18 PM  
**To:** Amanda N. Perkowski <[fiscalofficer@rcfiredistrict.org](mailto:fiscalofficer@rcfiredistrict.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Is there a special meeting today

WHERE ARE PUBLIC COMMENTS???