

## **Dover/Hudson/Clayton Fire Dept Joint Meeting February 19, 2025 Minutes**

The annual joint meeting for the Dover/Hudson/Clayton Fire Department held at the Clayton Village Hall was called to order by Fire Board Chair/Dover TWP, Blaine Baker Thursday February 19, 2026 at 8:02pm. Minutes from 2025 annual meeting were read by Cathy Brown (Clayton Village/FB Secretary). No changes or alterations were needed, minutes stand as read.

Blaine Baker presented the proposed budget. Fire Chief Kerry Keith discussed the changes to the budget compared to the 2024-2025 budget. Overall, there is a 1% increase / \$900. One concern is the state mandated minimum wage increases coming. Dan Borck (Dover TWP) stated they feel the chief deserves a pay increase due to the extra work he has put in to fix the issues at the fire dept. John Lee (Clayton) agrees along with Larry Swander (Dover) and Henry Burrece (Clayton). Matt Smith (Hudson TWP) stated the Chiefs evaluation has not been done yet and wage issue should be discussed after the evaluation. After some discussion it was decided the wage issue will be discussed by the fire board after the evaluation but the opinions of the entities will be taken into consideration.

Blaine Baker called on the three entities to vote on the proposed budget as presented. Clayton Village voted at their last meeting to approve the budget. Dover Township voted unanimously to approve the budget. Matt Smith of Hudson TWP asked for a motion from the Hudson TWP Board. Barry Anderson made a motion with a second from Marcy Griffin. All voted to approve the proposed budget. Motion passed.

Blaine asked if there were any other concerns to discuss. John Lee mentioned some of the rolling stock will eventually need to be updated/replaced. Chief said he will continue to look into grant opportunities. Matt Smith reminded everyone this is why Dover and Hudson are working on saving in their apparatus accounts.

Cathy Brown stated that according to previous board decisions, the sale of the old mule was to go into the apparatus account. That money was put into the CPR fund instead.

Treasurer report was given by Lori Deline; \$9356.59 in the general fund, \$103663.63 is in a money market account (\$18574.61 is CPR account and \$85089.02 is general fund account), \$34898.84 is in the air pack account, \$18735.41 is in the apparatus account. The money market accounts have been drawing good interest.

Marcy Griffin (Hudson TWP) raised the issue of the joint agreement needing to be updated still. Matt Smith, Dan Borck and Henry Burrece agreed to get together.

With no other issues to discuss, Larry Swander made a motion with a second from Dan Borck to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.

Submitted by Marcy Griffin, Clerk  
Approved 3/9/26 MG

\*\*Budget and Sign in sheet attached

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 Cately Brown  
 Jose De Line  
 Larry Swander  
 Jim Tr  
 Michael Bushard  
 Amber Swander  
 Amagda Butz  
 Carl Bouh  
 Christina Bunece  
~~Wally Brown~~  
~~Clayton~~  
 Matt ~~ant~~  
 Tom  
 Marcy Griffin - Hudson Twp  
 Barry Chickerson  
 Nathan Sill

Dover, Hudson, Clayton  
 Fire Department  
 Projected Budget 2026-2027

Revenues	Budget	Projected	Increase
Hudson Twp	\$32,127.50	\$32,352.50	\$225.00
Village of Clayton	\$32,127.50	\$32,352.50	\$225.00
Dover Twp	\$64,255.00	\$64,705.00	\$450.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$128,510.00</b>	<b>\$129,410.00</b>	<b>1% increase</b>
	Increase	\$900.00	

  

Expenditures	2025	Jan-26	Over/Under	2026	Change	Dover	Hudson	Clayton
Insurance	13,000.00	13,342.29	-342.29	14,000.00	1,000.00	500.00	225.00	225.00
Utilities	7,300.00	6,273.69	1,026.31	7,300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fuel	3,000.00	1,957.22	1,042.78	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contingency/food	400.00	0.00	400.00	200.00	-200.00	-100.00	-50.00	-50.00
Training, Prevention, Education	10,000.00	6,722.41	3,277.59	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wages	40,000.00	27,783.73	12,216.27	40,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FICA	5,000.00	4,902.71	97.29	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Equipment	8,500.00	1,434.41	7,065.59	9,000.00	500.00	250.00	125.00	125.00
Vehicle Maintenance	11,000.00	11,641.25	-641.25	11,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Officer Supplies	3,900.00	4,386.25	-486.25	4,500.00	600.00	300.00	150.00	150.00
Dues/Annual Fees	2,100.00	1,031.74	1,068.26	1,000.00	-1,000.00	-500.00	-225.00	-225.00
Building Maintenance	500.00	1,547.60	-1,047.60	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medical Supplies	5,000.00	617.20	4,382.80	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audit	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DNR Match	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Maintenance	6,000.00	1,594.43	4,405.57	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Radios, Pagers	5,000.00	1,260.00	3,740.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Air Packs	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Professional Fees	1,560.00	1,070.00	490.00	1,560.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<b>\$128,510.00</b>	<b>\$85,564.93</b>	<b>\$42,945.07</b>	<b>\$129,310.00</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$450.00</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>