

**Glen Carbon Fire Protection District
199 South Main Street
Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034**

October 25, 2022 – Minutes of District Regular Meeting

The Meeting was convened at 7:00 PM by President Harris.

Trustees present: President Harris, Trustee Williams, Trustee Dunn, and Trustee Woolsey.

Trustee absent: Trustee Humes.

Fire/EMS Management Present: Chief Whitaker, Deputy Chief Hood,

Fire Fighters/EMS and others present: James Schulte, Johnny Warren, and Ralph Well.

Virtual Attendees: Chad VanRyn, Alex McClinton, Cameron Overholtz, Captain Alex Campbell, Lieutenant Kiko Perez, and Lieutenant Jason Reaka.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTICE THAT ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Trustee Woolsey moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Trustee Dunn seconded and the minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Anderson Hospital;
Grant Letter from Illinois Water (\$1,000);
Letter of Resignation from Pension Board by Carl Walton;
IML Letter for Foreign Fire Insurance Board;
Rottler Pest Solutions Price increase (8%);
IAFPD material on Fire Call and Training opportunities;
New Addresses (4 The Game Dr. & 5524 Bluffview Commerce Park Dr.)

ANNUAL CHECKLIST: No action required.

TREASURER’S REPORT: President Harris presented the Treasurer’s Report in Trustee Humes absence.

	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	1,611,542.61	833,279.83	2,494,822.44
Deposits	230,498.34	267,847.37	498,347.71
Expenditures	(96,992.06)	(158,610.13)	(255,602.19)
Net Activity	133,506.28	109,239.24	242,745.52
Ending Balance	1,745,048.89	992,519.07	2,737,567.96

Bank Balance	1,737,345.00	1,019,645.59	2,756,990.59
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President Harris moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Trustee Woolsey seconded. The Report was unanimously approved.

There were no disbursement requests.

CHIEFS REPORT:

EMS CALLS

Sep	Current	Last Year	Change
Month	109	124	Down 12.1%
YTD	1100	1106	Down 0.5%

Fire – Total 159: Medical Assist (100); Fire Alarm (7); Vehicle Accident (3); Vehicle Fire (2); Carbon Monoxide (2); Building Fire (1); Other (1).

Mutual Aid EMS – 24 Total: Maryville (7); Pontoon Beach (3); Edwardsville (11); Troy (1); Collinsville (2).

Mutual Aid Fire – 3 Total: Troy (2); Edwardsville (1).

Monthly Training Hours = 453.75, including:

- Forcible Entry
- Salvage and Overhaul
- Ground Ladders
- Aerial Ladders
- Multi-Company Operations

Bi-Monthly EMS skills Days being held at Station 2 all area paramedics.

Equipment Repairs: Smoke machine is down for repair.

Turnout gear ordered in August 2021 has been delivered and issued to 6 members. New gear has been ordered from a new vendor. Expected delivery is 12 weeks vs. the recent year plus.

Apparatus Repair: 1993 repairs are complete. 1933 remains in repair with damaged wiring on the PTO unit.

Major Incidents: Residential fire at 409 Orchard Court.

Mutual Assistance for a residential fire in Troy. Two Glen Carbon members were injured in this incident by falling ceiling material. They were transported to the ER and were treated and released. They were cleared for duty.

A POC member sustained a back sprain during training. He has been returned to duty.

Grants: Chief Whitaker reported that FEMA has done a check on the District's bank account and routing number, indicating possible good news on the Training Grounds grant application. There was a discussion of the desirability of contracting for fencing at the November. It will be on the agenda.

The District received \$60,000 in ARPA funding, and \$1000 from Illinois Water.

Chief Whitaker is working on a 2023 grant in the amount of \$5,000 to supplement CPR training.

The October 9, 2022 open house event was a success with good attendance throughout the day.

The October 15, 2022 Family BBQ was also a success. It was noted that the Chief and Deputy Chief did the majority of the work and especially the cooking. As it should be – perhaps.

The first annual Lighted Christmas Parade is set for Saturday December 3 at 7 PM with open house to follow at Station 1.

And the annual awards banquet is scheduled for Saturday January 21, 2023 at the LeClaire Room, the Nelson Center in Edwardsville at 5 PM.

The EMS collection rate for September was 75.7% and YTD 81.9%. Total for the year is \$580,725.79, of which \$187,335.90 is to be remitted to the State.

The Foreign Fire Insurance Board:

- Approved the purchase of a commercial gear dryer for Station 2.

- Approved the purchase of an annual Safety Item for every active member.

- Approved the purchase of a Pizza Pizzaz for both stations.

- Discussed purchases for 2023 to include a BBQ trailer among other items.

- Set the next meeting for January 19, 2023 at 6 PM in Station 1.

The Glen Carbon Volunteer Fire Department Assn met on Tuesday Oct 18, 2022. The funds the Assn earned at the Glen Fest will be donated to the Glen Carbon Needy Family Program for Christmas.

Attracting and keeping part-time paramedics continues to be a problem.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT:

Deputy Chief Hood reported that unit 1993 needs a major repair to the lube system.

He also provided an updated on inspections and review of plans for potential new business developments.

There is a line of sight problem at a neighboring business (The Woods Law Office) caused by the District's trees on the property line. Will look into the issue and if appropriate remove the offending trees.

There was discussion of going ahead with privacy fencing around the training grounds. Two bids have been received. After discussion, action was deferred to the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

COVID operations are back to normal. Nothing to report.

There has been no progress with Maryville on the Mutual Aid Agreement. To be taken off of next month's agenda.

Work continues on MCT's acquisition of the parking lot on Heritage Trail. Expect completion by the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Harris, after discussion, appointed Chief Whitaker to the vacant Pension Board position.

There was discussion on the difficulty in attracting and retaining part-time paramedics. Chief Whitaker recommended a 2 1/2 % increase in salary, rolling the uniform allowance into salary, and putting the part-timers on the same longevity schedule and the full time paramedics. Trustee Williams commented that this should be seen as only a first (or partial) step and moved to allow the 2 1/2 % increase, change to the longevity scale, and rolling the uniform allowance into salary. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dunn and it passed unanimously.

President Harris moved to transfer \$125,000 into the Pension account as required. Trustee Woolsey seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion President Harris moved to change the date of the final severance payment to Cheryl Caribari-Wilson to the end of October. Trustee Dunn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

There was no requirement this month for action on End of Life Equipment.

There was no closed session at this month's meeting

There was no requirement for apparatus and equipment over \$20,000.

After discussion President Harris moved to purchase 6 each Unication G5 pagers for \$5,000. Trustee Dunn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The following training requests were approved on motion by President Harris, seconded by Trustee Woolsey. The motion passed unanimously.

Rachel Fiorini – Trench Rescue Operations for \$650.00

Rachel Fiorini VMT - \$0.00

Chad VanRyn – Forcible Entry for \$0.00

Chad VanRyn - Fire Prevention Principles for \$642.00

After discussion of Ameren’s tax abatement proposal President Harris moved to approve. Trustee Woolsey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Following discussion of the 2022 Levy President Harris moved to set the levy at \$1,320,867 for the Corporate and Ambulance lines, and \$163,000 for the Insurance line. Motion was seconded by Trustee Williams and was passed unanimously.

There being no further business to attend to President Harris called for:

CLOSING INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: There was none.

At 8:42 PM President Harris moved for adjournment. Trustee Dunn seconded and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Submitted By: Ron Williams
GCFPD Secretary

2022 Meeting Schedule: JANUARY 25, FEBRUARY 22, MARCH 29, APRIL 26, MAY 31, JUNE 29, JULY 26, AUGUST 30, SEPTEMBER 27, OCTOBER 25, NOVEMBER 29, JANUARY 3, 2023 (DECEMBER DEFERRED MEETING DATE).