

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

November 29, 2022 – Minutes of District Regular Meeting

The Meeting was convened at 7:02 PM by President Harris.

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

Trustee absent: None.

Fire/EMS Management Present: Chief Whitaker, Deputy Chief Hood, Asst Chief Bowles, Captain Alex Campbell, Lieutenant Gregory DeSutter.

Fire Fighters/EMS and others present: Ethan Manley, Alex McClinton, Johnny Warren. Note: There were swearing in ceremonies scheduled and therefore a number of family members and friends present. Their names were not recorded and they all left the meeting after the swearing in.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTICE THAT ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESENTATIONS AND SWEARING IN: FFs Ben Bullock and Johnny Warren were promoted and sworn in as lieutenants. The following were promoted from probationary fire fighters to full on Paid On Call fire fighters: Amy Smith, Rudy Smith, Sam Schlegl, and Antonio DeAvilaDiaz to position of Paid-on-Call FF

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

COMMUNICATIONS:-Letter from Anderson Hospital concerning Cardiac Arrest Resuscitation.

-Letter from Anderson Hospital on Sepsis Treatment.

-Thank you Card from Resident for Installation of Knox Box.

-IPRF Grant Award.

-ARPA Grant information.

-Letter from First Mid Bank and Trust concerning the audit agreement.

-Letter from Illinois Public Risk Fund concerning a sum of \$14,810.00 transmitted to the District.

ANNUAL CHECKLIST: Action is required on items 17-19 of the checklist. After discussion, appropriate assignments and actions were completed. An action/discussion item to be put on the December regular meeting re: Select new auditor in compliance with practice of rotating out the auditor every 5-6 years.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Humes presented the Treasurer's Report.

	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	1,745,048.89	992,519.07	2,737,567.96
Deposits	275,630.28	300,243.14	575,873.42
Expenditures	(149,894.66)	(142,857.83)	(292,752.49)
Net Activity	125,735.62	157,385.31	253,120.93
Ending Balance	1,870,784.51	1,149,904.38	3,020,688.89
Bank Balance	1,863,574.09	1,167,653.90	3,031,227.99

President Harris moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Trustee Woolsey seconded. The Report was unanimously approved.

There were disbursements under \$2,000 totaling \$16,784.89.

CHIEFS REPORT:

EMS CALLS

Sep	Current	Last Year	Change
Month	125	107	Up 16.8%
YTD	1225	1213	Up 0.1%

Fire – Total 163: Medical Assist (103); Fire Alarm (11); Building Fire (1); Brush Fire (1); Smoke Scare (1); Gas Leak (1) Other (1).

Mutual Aid EMS – 27 Total: Maryville (7); Pontoon Beach (8); Edwardsville (10); Collinsville (2).

Mutual Aid Fire – 6 Total: Maryville, (3), Collinsville (2), Troy (1)

Monthly Training Hours = 828.5, including:
Air Evac Landing Zone
Basic and Advanced Vehicle Extraction
Vehicle fire Fighting
Live Fire Training

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

Equipment Repairs: Smoke machine is back in service.

Apparatus Repair: 1935 – Ladder lift cylinder rebuilt.
1944 – New front brakes and replace heating pump.
1993 - PTO rebuilt.
1930 – Repairs complete & back in service.
1913 – Oxygen sensor replaced/

Major Incidents: None.

Grants: Chief Whitaker reported that FEMA still has some grants to announce but it is increasingly doubtful that we will get the grant for the fire training ground.

Application was made for an EMS grant in the amount of \$5,000.

The next Foreign Fire Board meeting will be on January 19, 2023 at 6 PM, at Station 1.

Public relations activities are suspended for the winter and will resume in the early spring.

Deputy Chief Hood's mother made a very generous donation of 30 bicycles to the District's effort to support the USMC Toys for Tots program.

The first annual Lighted Christmas Parade is set for Saturday December 3 at 7 PM with open house to follow at Station 1. There are 30 floats expected.

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 97.9% and YTD 83.4%. Total for the year is \$654,411.85, of which \$212,796.60 is to be remitted to the State.

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

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT:

Deputy Chief Hood reported that Station 2 experienced an HVAC failure that cost \$5,298.00.

The District recovered \$3,417.72 in missing checks from the State Treasurer's Office with a potential for an additional \$3,000 in the future.

There was discussion of going ahead with privacy fencing around the training grounds. After discussion, action was deferred to the December meeting (to be held on January 3rd) pending approval of the project by the Village.

OLD BUSINESS:

COVID operations are back to normal. Nothing to report.

Work continues on MCT's acquisition of the parking lot on Heritage Trail. Trustee Humes reported that the description of the property has been corrected. Documents required to complete the transfer were signed.

The Pension Board has been activated as of November 21, 2022 and has a balance of \$116,152.00.

Resolution concerning the AMEREN tax abatement has been prepared and is ready for signing.

At this point in the meeting Ethan Manley arrived and was sworn in as a POC firefighter.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Harris moved to fully fund the pension account with \$116,152.00 vice \$91,407.00. Trustee Dunn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

President Harris moved to adopt the 2022 tax levy. Trustee Humes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

After discussion of renewal of the Stryker service contract to service the power loader/stretchers, President Harris moved to renew the contract on a schedule recommended by Chief Whitaker and Trustee Woolsey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Humes moved to approve the MABAS Agreement and Trustee Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no end of life items to be discussed.

There was an extended discussion of purchasing a 2023 Ford Expedition to replace District's Tahoe. Purchase would be through a participant in the State bid program. Price would be \$67,875 and the trade-in value of the Tahoe is \$7,500. It was noted that the net amount matched nicely with the amount of ARPA funding expected to be received through Madison County. President Harris moved to approve the purchase and Trustee Dunn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no purchases under \$20,000 to be discussed.

The following training requests were approved on motion by Trustee Humes, seconded by Trustee Dunn and passed unanimously:

Zachary Napoli – Advanced Technician FF/FFII for \$1800.

Nathan Wahl – Instructor I for \$350, and Vehicle and Machinery Operations for no cost.

President Harris discussed his potential retirement from the Board at some as yet distant date and his desire to designate a Vice President to begin training to fill his position. No action was taken at this time.

There was no closed session at this month's meeting

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

CLOSING INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: There was none.

At 8:27 PM President Harris moved for adjournment. Trustee Woolsey seconded and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Following the meeting the Trustees went into the bays to see the toys the firefighters have collected for the USMC Toys For Tots program. It is an impressive collection, estimated at 3,000 toys including 46 bicycles and over 200 Barbie Dolls.

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).