

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

August 30, 2022 – Minutes of District Regular Meeting

The Meeting was convened at 7:01 PM by President Harris.

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

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

Fire Fighters/EMS and others present: James Schulte and Dave Cook.

Virtual Attendees: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTICE THAT ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: Janes Schulte reported that the Pension Board has made contact with IMRF and is making progress in getting data required to establish the Pension Fund.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: President Harris moved to approve the minutes of five meetings in July and August, including both open and closed sessions. Trustee Dunn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Kristen Lohmiller notifying the District that she is leaving the accounting firm of Franklin & Vaughn, LLC and promising a smooth transition to her replacement.

Certificate of insurance from Affinity Insurance Services.

Letter from Republic Services stating their intent to provide waste collection services as they replace Sanders Services.

Letter from the Madison County Clerk, Debbie Mendoza concerning use of Station 1 as a polling place for the November 8, 2022 general election.

Letter from the Gori Law Firm notifying intent by Maryville to annex property (two parcels).

ANNUAL CHECKLIST: There were two items on the checklist: Safety Drills and Sexual Harassment/Discrimination Training. Both have been accomplished.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	1,210,455.77	496,318.72	1,706,774.49
Deposits	345,116.79	363,453.02	708,569.81
Expenditures	(88,809.57)	(130,194.66)	(219,004.23)
Net Activity	256,307.22	233,258.36	489,565.58
Ending Balance	1,466,762.99	729,577.08	2,196,340.07
Bank Balance	1,480,093.85	756,204.26	2,236,298.11

CHIEFS REPORT:

EMS CALLS

July	Current	Last Year	Change
Month	122	134	Down 8.6%
YTD	868	832	Up 4.3%

Fire – Total 163: Medical Assist (113); Fire Alarm (9); Vehicle Accident (2); Trash Fire (2); Gas Leak (1); Gasoline Spill (1); Other (1).

Mutual Aid EMS – 30 Total: Maryville (9); Pontoon Beach (8); Edwardsville (7); Troy (4); Highland (2).

Mutual Aid Fire – 4 Total: Troy (2); Edwardsville (1); Maryville (1).

Active Shooter Training now scheduled for January 18-19 2023.

FF/Paramedic Chad Van Ryn received his Rope Operations certification.

Monthly Training Hours: 481.25; including fire extinguisher operation, FSVO annual driving practicals, and LP burn.

Equipment Repairs: SCBA from 1913 repaired and returned.
1901 remains in the shop. 1935 is in the shop for rebuild of 2 valves.

Major Incidents: None

Grants: Still waiting on FEMA for the big grant to acquire and install the burn tower. Applied for \$1,000 grant from Illinois American Water.

Foreign Fire Insurance Board's next meeting is October 20, 2022. The insurance Board approved funding for chevron striping on 1912, 1913, 1930, and 1935.

The Glen Carbon Volunteer Fire Department (The Association) met on August 22, 2022. Nothing to report on this.

The District has hosted a total of 5 neighborhood PR events. The next will be August 31, in Sturbridge Estates.

Planning has begun for the first annual District Lighted Christmas Parade on December 3, at 7 PM with an open house at Station 1 to follow.

EMS Billing: June rate 52.4%. YTD rate us 74.9%. Total collected is \$444,448.00. GEMT collections YTD are \$138,604.98 of which 50% must be remitted to the State.

Staffing: Still finding it difficult to attract part-time paramedics. Since May 2021 the District has added 14 POC FF. Goal for this period was five.

Accidents/Issues: None

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT:

Unit 1930 had a temperature alarm fault. Replaced the converter.

The new snow removal contract was signed with Focal Pointe Outdoor Solutions. And the contractor replaced three sprinkler heads. Will eventually replace all of them.

Moving internet service to Google.

Attorney Leslie Woods requested that the District remove some trees that are obstructing here view of traffic from her driveway. Looking into whose trees they are.

OLD BUSINESS:

COVID operations are back to normal.

Meeting scheduled for 1 Sep 2022 with Maryville on the Mutual Aid Agreement.

A warranty deed has been prepared to finalize the transfer of the Nature/Heritage Trails parking lot to MCT. Trustee Humes noticed a discrepancy related to the access easement and will look into it and correct it is need be. Trustee Humes moved to approve the deed subject to verification of the easement and President Harris seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Life Safety Code was approved on motion by President Harris, seconded by Trustee Dunn and voted unanimously.

The problem with email has continued and the District opted to contract with Google at a cost of \$4,032 per year for three years. President Harris moved to approve the contract and Trustee Humes seconded. Passed unanimously.

There were no End-of-Life items to discuss.

There were no requests for purchase of new equipment.

There were 4 training requests, one by Fire Investigator Carl Walton at a cost of 893.40, one for Chad VanRyn for \$1000 for Confined Space Operations, and 2 for Alex Campbell, \$1000 for Confined Space Operations and \$1240 for Alex Campbell for Company Fire Officer. President Harris moved to approve and Trustee Dunn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to conduct in open session, President Harris asked for closing input from the public. There was none. President Harris moved to adjourn the open session in order to meet in closed session. Trustee Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

OPEN MEETING RECONVENED: At 8:00 PM the open meeting was reconvened on motion by President Harris, seconded by Trustee Woolsey, which was agreed to unanimously. All persons who were present at the adjournment were present at this time.

President Harris moved to continue the employment of Alex McClinton for six months despite his having his driver's license suspended due an injury sustained in an accidental fall while off duty. Trustee Dunn seconded and the motion passed unanimously. (This matter was discussed in closed session.)

Again, there being no further business to conduct, President Harris moved to adjourn the open session of the regular August meeting. Trustee Dunn seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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).