

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

October 17, 2023 – Minutes of the Regular October 2023 Meeting

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

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

Trustee absent: None

Fire/EMS Mgmt Present: Chief Whitaker, Dep Chief Hood, Lieutenants Perez and Bullock.

Fire Fighters/EMS and others present: Fire Investigator Walton, and Firefighters Kopesky, miller Napoli, Wahl and Well. **Bishesh Singh Khadka and Family and Mr. Lessmann and Family.** Mr. Rob Helmkamp and Mr. Greg Vespa from the IAAI-IL.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTICE THAT ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESENTATIONS: The Life Saving Award was presented to Bishesh Singh Khadka for his actions in getting medical attention for Mr. Lessmann.

A Special Award was presented to Fire Investigator Carl Walton by the IAAI-IL by Mr. Greg Vespa.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Trustee Humes moved to approve the minutes of the August regular meeting. Trustee Dunn seconded and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote. There was no September meeting due to lack of a quorum.

COMMUNICATIONS: IPRF Loss Control Meeting Update.

Letter from Rosenbauer, Inc. on the purchase of new fire truck.

A new address at 245 Meridan Ave, Glen Carbon.

A petition for annexation of 2017 Hillcreek Rd. by Maryville.

Foreign Fire Insurance check for \$36,401.92.

Letter from IL-AM Water approving a \$1000 grant.

Letter from IAAI-IL concerning the award to Fire Investigator Carl Walton (See above).

CHECKLIST ACTIVITIES: Item #28-October Review of Insurance Coverage is complete.

November item #22-Adopt tax levy is to be voted on in this meeting.

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

Reporting Month: August

	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	1,404,846.28	1,135,540.23	2,540,386.51
Deposits	170,054.66	166,982.94	337,037.60
Expenditures	(106,240.62)	(141,070.69)	(247,311.31)
Net Activity	63,814.04	25,912.25	89,726.29
Ending Balance	1,468,660.32	1,161,452.48	2,630,112.80
Bank Balance	1,464,620.02	1,203,560.18	2,668,180.20

Reporting Month: September

	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	1,468,660.32	1,161,452.48	2,630,112.80
Deposits	281,069.79	294,209.00	575,278.79
Expenditures	(108,412.78)	(165,953.36)	(274,366.14)
Net Activity	172,657.01	128,255.64	300,912.65
Ending Balance	1,641,317.33	1,289,708.12	2,931,025.45
Bank Balance	1,640,116.88	1,332,119.76	2,972,236.64

In August there were seven disbursements over \$2,000 totaling \$29,538.68.

In September there were five disbursements over \$2,000 totaling \$23,220.95.

Trustee Williams moved to approve the Treasurer's Reports for August and September. Trustee Woolsey seconded and the reports were approved by unanimous vote.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Total EMS / Fire Calls for August 1 thru September 30 = 374

EMS – Monthly Summary and Year to Date

Aug/Sept	Current	Last Year	Change%
Month	288	232	Up 24.1%
Year to Date	1117	1100	Up 1.5%

Fire – Medical Assist (262), Cancelled Enroute (23), Fire Alarm (17), MVC (17), Assist the Public (3), Gas Leak (3), Smoke Scare (2), Power Lines Down (1), Brush Fire (1), Car Fire (1), Cooking Fire(1), CO Incident (1),

Mutual Aid EMS – 43 total: Rural Med (15), Maryville (11), Edwardsville (11), Alton Memorial (4), Collinsville (2),

Mutual Aid Fire – 11 Total: Troy (6), Edwardsville (2), Collinsville (1), Long Lake (1), Maryville (1)

Scheduled Outside Agency Trainings /Certifications

Lewis and Clark College is currently holding a BOFF class in Glen Carbon weekly on Wednesday evenings. We have 4 members currently enrolled.

We will be hosting Company Fire Officer Class through the Illinois Fire Service Institute starting in February.

Weekly/Daily Training

Monthly training hours for Career and POC = 1012.5

AUG/SEPT Trainings included: Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Systems Review, Wildland/Brush Fires, Commercial Building walk through of Keystone Senior Living complex, Ground Ladders Operations, Aerial Ladder Operations, Ventilation, Multi Company Scenarios, and Fire Extinguishers.

EMS Skills Days being held every 6 weeks at our station #2 for the area Paramedics.

Joint Fire Training every 6 weeks with Edwardsville FD.

Continued training at acquired structures on South State Route 159.

Apparatus Repairs: 1933 has significant hydraulic leak in the ladder cylinders. It is currently at Banner being repaired.

All bi-annual service and Preventative Maintenance of Ambulances and utility vehicles have been completed.

Major Incidents: None

Inspections/Preplans: Continuing Daily Inspections of Commercial Buildings.

Nine Businesses remain in Violation currently. One Business, Herzog Kitchen and Bath, has been turned over to the Village of Glen Carbon for citation.
Plan Review and New Business Inspections continue very frequently by DC Hood.

Grants: Applied for EMS Assistance Grant for 2023 to supplement our CPR program. Currently awaiting results.

Received a grant from State Farm for 100 Fire Safety packets. These packets were dispersed at our Open House.

Applied for the 2023 Small Equipment Grant for new Battery-Operated Extrication equipment for the new Engine.

Foreign Fire Insurance Board: Received their annual check in the amount of \$36,401.92. The trailer BBQ Grill is complete and ready for pickup. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday Oct 19, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Glen Carbon Volunteer Fire Department Association: Monthly meetings continue on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Currently having the Hose Cart from Station #2 powder coated and updated.

Other /PR: Monthly CPR classes continue for the public at our Station #1. Classes are on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.

Neighborhood Meet and Greets have concluded for the year and will resume in the spring of 2024.

Attended the Route 66 Car Show on Saturday September 16th.

Attended Friends and Family Day at the Glen Carbon Heritage Museum on Saturday September 23rd.

Family BBQ to be held on Saturday October 28th at the Village Hall Park.

Annual Awards Party scheduled at the LeClaire Room on Saturday January 20th at 5 pm.

EMS Billing Summary: Collection rate for August 2023 = 67.5%. Collection rate for 2023 YTD = 77.8%. Total Amount Collected = \$522,440.01. GEMT Collection YTD = \$141,978.59. Fifty percent of GEMT collections will go to the State of Illinois. The State of Illinois received an updated License for the District and all Medicaid bills from May 23 thru present are being resubmitted for payment.

Staffing: Request to add 1 new Part Time Paramedic. Action later in this meeting.

Issues or Accidents to report: Ladder 1935 struck a car while driving to the Italian Fest Parade in Collinsville. There was no damage to the Ladder Truck. There was minor damage to the front fender of the passenger car. Police report filed and Insurance was notified. Crash investigation report completed by DC Hood.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS: Caleb Harrison submitted his resignation. Caelyn Norbury is recommended as a new hire; part-time paramedic. President Harris moved to approve these actions and Trustee Woolsey seconded. Moved passed unanimously.

DEPUTY CHIEF/DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: DC Hood reported that unit 1933 is at the shop with a hydraulic leak.

There is a proposal to develop 103 residential lots in the Village, across from the Glen Carbon Post Office.

DC Hood elaborated on the accident involving unit 1935.

OLD BUSINESS: Still waiting for the MCT parking lot deed to be recorded. No action required.

There was no progress to report on the training grounds project. Next action is by the Village committee.

There was discussion about the replacement for unit 1900 and 1911. No action was required. The remodel of Station #2 was discussed. An informal estimate was obtained that indicates the District is on course with cost projections. No action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS: The 2023-2024 Budget Ordinance was adopted on motion by President Harris, seconded by Trustee Humes, and passed unanimously.

The 2023 tax levy was approved on motion by President Harris. Motion was seconded by Trustee Williams and passed unanimously.

There were no end of life equipment items.

There were no purchases over \$20,000.

A request for purchase of communication equipment in the amount of \$7,866.64, a battery operated PPV fan in the amount of \$5,000, and \$4,451.00 for wall mounted gear storage racks was approved on motion by Trustee Dunn, seconded by Trustee Woolsey, and passed unanimously.

Training Requests: Chad VanRyn requested a no cost training: Leadership Principles in the Fire Service.

Company Fire Officer Training was requested for seven members at a cost of \$1,350.00 each. A total of \$9,450.00 was approved. Motion by by President Harris, seconded by Trustee Woolsey and passed unanimously.

The Districts real property insurance policy was discussed. There was no action.

There was no closed session at this meeting.

Closing Input from the Public: None.

There being no further business to attend to President Harris, at 8:42 PM moved to adjourn the regular August meeting. Trustee Woolsey seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Submitted By: Ron Williams
GCFPD Secretary

2023 Meeting Schedule:

11-28-2023

01-02-2024 (December meeting)