

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

**March 26, 2024 – Minutes of the Regular March Meeting**

The Meeting was convened at 7:00 PM by Acting President Dunn

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

Trustees absent: President Harris

Fire/EMS Mgmt Present: Chief Whitaker, Dep Chief Hood, Asst. Chief Bowles, and Lt. Reaka.

Firefighters Present: VanRyn, Wahl, Schulte, and Well.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTICE THAT ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Trustee Humes moved to approve the minutes of the February regular meeting Trustee Woolsey seconded and the minutes were approved.

PRESENTATIONS: None

ANNUAL CHECKLIST: Trustee Williams reported that the Board of Review is still not able to receive certificates of tax exempt status. Hope to complete this item before next meeting. Nothing more.

COMMUNICATIONS: New Address at 136 N. Main St; Walmart grant award of \$2,000; Notice of Essential Trustee Training; Letter from VFIS; and Letter from WatchFire.

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

January:

	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	1,320,868.42	1,443,288.42	2,764,156.84
Deposits	23,301.44	77,001.98	100,303.42
Expenditures	(120,643.86)	(120,537.30)	(241,181.16)
Net Activity	(97,342.42)	(43,535.32)	(140,877.74)
Ending Balance	1,223,526.00	1,399,753.10	2,623,279.10
Bank Balance	1,234,393.19	1,418,771.62	2,653,164.81

In January there were 7 expense items over \$2,000, totaling \$40,702.52

Trustee Williams moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Trustee Dunn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## CHIEFS REPORT

Total EMS Fire Calls for January 1 thru January 31 = 195

EMS—Monthly Summary and Year to Date

FEBRUARY	Current	Last Year	Change %
Month	149	93	Up 60.2%
Year to Date	296	219	Up 35.2%

Fire—Medical Assist Total = 148: Fire Alarm(3), Canceled Enroute (11), MVC (3), Gas Leak (2), Smoke Scare(2), Brush Fire(1), Assist the Public(1).

Mutual Aid EMS Total = 27: Maryville (10), Rural Med(11), Edwardsville(4), Collinsville(2), Alton Memorial (1), Granite City (1).

Mutual Aid Fire Total = 3: Edwardsville(2), Collinsville(1).

Scheduled Outside Agency Trainings/Certifications: Company Fire Officer class completed with a total of 7 Glen Carbon members completed.

We will be hosting Instructor 1 through the Illinois Fire Service Institute in April and May.

Weekly/Daily Training: Monthly training hours for Career and POC = 608.3.

February Training included: SCBA Consumption Drills; Air Bag Maze Training; Building Construction; Ambulance Operations; and Fire Behavior.

EMS Skills Days held every 6 weeks at Station 2 for area paramedics.

Hosted Cadets from the Swansea FD for a joint training on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

MAJOR INCIDENTS: ON Feb 28<sup>th</sup> dispatched to Eden Village for a strong smell of smoke. A sprinkler system had activated. A bathroom fixture was on fire. Damage was contained to the bathroom. FFs assisted with cleanup and patient displacement.

On March 4<sup>th</sup> dispatched to Meridian Village for a kitchen fire. There was minimal damage.

On March 9<sup>th</sup> there was a garage fire at 208 Barrington Drive. When crews arrived (at 5:40 after dispatch) the garage was fully involved and fire was spreading into the living quarters. Fire was believed to have started from a model racing car battery being charged.

On March 20<sup>th</sup> was dispatched for a fire alarm at 54<sup>th</sup> Street Bar and Grill and reported smoke coming from the roof. Damage was contained to the grill and hood.

INSPECTIONS/PREPLANS: Continuing daily inspections of commercial buildings. Two businesses remain in violation. Papa John's has been turned over to the village for citation

PERSONNEL: Staffing remains satisfactory, but overtime is becoming more frequent . Still looking to hire part-time EMS.

There are two new hire recommendations: Andrew Nalle and Maat Sienkiewicz. Trustee Humes moved to approve these hires and Trustee Woolsey seconded. They were approved unanimously.

GRANTS – Applied for EMS Assistance Grant for 2023 to supplement our CPR program. Currently awaiting results. Applied for the Small Equipment Grant for the OSFM for new Battery-Operated Extrication Equipment for the new unit 1911. Applied for a \$5,000 grant from the National Fire Council. Received \$2,000 grant from Walmart.

FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE BOARD - Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 18, 2024, at 6:00pm.

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT: Glen Carbon Volunteer Fire Department Association monthly meetings continue on the 3rdTuesday of each month.

OTHER/PR: Monthly CPR classes continue for the public at our Station#1. Classes are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6pm. Neighborhood Meet and Greets will resume on the last week of April. Hosting the Madison County Fireman's Association Meeting in April of 2024. Will be held in the bay at Station #1. Will be cooking BBQ for the event.

EMS BILLING SUMMARY:                      Collection rate for Jan 2024 = 76.3%.  
    Collection rate for 2024 YTD =76.3%.  
    Total collected \$64,259.63  
    GEMT collect YTD \$4,949.55

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT: Units 1993 and 1944 were returned to service from Weber Ford. There were several building issues to report: Fire sprinklers at both annuals stations; bay door maintenance completed at both stations; back flow preventers to be tested in April; and repairs to two refrigerators scheduled in April.

All portable radios have been updated and work is still ongoing for trucks.

INTERNAL ISSUES/ACCIDENTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: The transfer of the MCT parking lot is still off track. The County has an issue with the deed, specifically, the division of the property needing Maps & Plats approval. Expect this to be taken care of by the next regular meeting.

The site plan for the training grounds has been approved. Next action is at the Village.

On the replacement of unit 1911, the vendor is currently showing off the truck. Next activity for the District is in May and the expected delivery is June 1, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Williams reported that discussions with Tim McGrath continue but no progress.

There was discussion of the remodeling of Station 2. Expect to issue RFP in April.

Trustee Williams moved to approve the Employment Agreement with Chief Whitaker and Deputy Chief Hood, subject to their approval. Trustee Humes seconded and the agreements were approved unanimously.

Trustee Dunn moved to approve the sale of LifePack15 Monitors to the City of Edwardsville. Trustee Woolsey seconded and the sale was approved unanimously.

End-of-Life Equipment: There are 10 Fire Hawk SCBA and masks that are no longer needed., They are to be donated to other Departments. An electric hose tester (damaged) is to be scrapped. These actions were approved on motion by Trustee Dunn, seconded by Trustee Williams.

Equipment Over \$20,000: None

Equipment Under \$20,000: A 9” cut-off saw kit by Milwaukee for \$1,856.00 and a large diameter intake valve for \$3,900 were requested. They were approved on motion by Trustee Williams, seconded by Trustee Woolsey and passed unanimously.

Training: None.

Closing Input From The Public: None

There being no further business to attend to Acting President Dunn moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Humes and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 7:57 PM.

Submitted By: Ron Williams  
GCFPD Secretary

2024 Meeting Schedule: Apr 30 May 28, Jun 25, Jul 30, Aug 27, Sep 24, Oct 29, Nov 26, Dec 17.