

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

January 31, 2023 – Minutes of the Regular January 2023 Meeting

The Meeting was convened at 7:07 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,

Fire Fighters/EMS and others present: A. Campbell, C. VanRyn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTICE THAT ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: President Harris moved to approve the minutes of the December meeting held on January 3, 2023. Trustee Humes seconded and the minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Chick Fil-A honoring First Responders; Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from 1-10-23; IPRF Loss Control Service Meeting; Notification of Maryville’s intent to annex property; Letter from IDES; Letter from Illinois Public Risk Fund; Safety Team Meeting Minutes.

ANNUAL CHECKLIST: Certificate of exempt property pending due to delay by Board of Review in accepting letters; Report of injuries (to OSHA) due on 1/1/2023 and will be sent on time.

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

	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	1,402,341.21	1,172,121.51	2,574,462.72
Deposits	236,296.13	269,824.11	506,120.24
Expenditures	(93,475.69)	(297,963.15)	(391,438.84)
Net Activity	142,820.44	(28,139.04)	114,681.40
Ending Balance	1,545,161.65	1,143,982.47	2,689,144.12
Bank Balance	1,549,754.12	1,162,031.19	2,711,785.31

There were six items over \$2,000 purchased totaling \$32,165.27.

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

CHIEFS REPORT:

EMS CALLS

Sep	Current	Last Year	Change
Month	129	155	Down 16.8%
YTD	1488	1493	Down 0.1%

Fire – Data are delayed due to New World Failure.

Mutual Aid EMS – 34 Total: Alton Memorial (14); Maryville (11); Troy (1); Edwardsville (3); Collinsville (5).

Mutual Aid Fire – 3 Total: Edwardsville (3).

Active shooter training was conducted in January with a full house participating from the area.

Scheduling 5 cornerstone classes through IFSI for 2023. Classes were picked by the training division after discussions with membership.

Training hours for December were 296.7 and included: Small tools and equipment; drivers' training, Tech rescue awareness, and 2022 review/2023 goals.

Bi-monthly EMS Skills Days being held at our station #2 for the area Paramedics.

OTHER/PR: Setting up a Community CPR program with Edwardsville FD starting in April. Foreign Fire Board met during week of January 23rd.

Volunteer Fire Department met on Tuesday, January 18th. A committee was created to streamline joint membership with Association and District members.

The District is holding 4 CPR classes in February with Edwardsville.

Beginning Down and Dirty CPR classes on the 1st Saturday of the month in local businesses (Lowes, Home Depot, Sam's Club, and Best Buy).

Annual Awards Banquet was held Saturday, January 21, 2023, at the Leclair Room. Will begin planning for next year's events.

Annual evaluations of all Officers is ongoing and will continue through January.

MAJOR INCIDENTS: None

EQUIPMENT REPAIR: None.

PERSONNEL: Resignations announced: Emily Henson, Jordan Hopper, Denny Riggs, and Brian Benson.

New POC member Brayden Harder

Trustee Humes moved to approve the above personnel actions and Trustee Dunn seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

EMS Collection rate for November 2022 = 49.56%. This is substantially lower than recent experience. There is a suspected aberration in the rate data that should be corrected next month.

Collection rate for 2022 YTD = 81.5%.

Total Amount Collected = \$772,635.02.

GEMT Collection YTD = \$241,706.52, and 50% of GEMT collections will go to the State.

DEPUTY CHIEF REPORT: Network problems showed up at station #2. As they were being worked on, similar problems showed up at station #1. It appears the problems are in the switch gear. They affect the phones and other devices. Routers are being replaced.

The bill for the 1913 accident is approximately \$28,000. The insurance and repair facility are working it out.

There were battery problems this month in 1944 and 1941. A total of 8 batteries were replaced.

Several SCBA units were repaired this month.

Two members, David Cook and Kiko Perez have been subpoenaed in the matter of Wayne Rexford v. Cardinal Transport et al in the Third Circuit.

The audit by IPRF is expected to be done during February.

OLD BUSINESS: The deed for the MCT Parking Lot and the easement has been corrected. Progress continues on the transfer. Next step is to collect Village signatures.

NEW BUSINESS: The Chief described a Community Paramedic Program that he wants to implement with a view toward reducing call volume. Object is to educate vulnerable residents who suffer from frequent falls and other preventable injuries and illnesses much like we do in fire prevention. The cost to the District would be \$4,076.28 over the first six months in overtime paid to the Paramedics. President Harris moved to approve the program for an initial period of six months and Trustee Dunn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Woolsey moved to approve the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement with Trustee Humes seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

NO END OF LIFE EQUIPMENT: None.

There were no requests for purchases over \$20,000.

The Chief requested an expenditure of \$6,553.98 for items related to active shooter incidents to support the Rescue Task Force. Trustee Dunn moved to approve the expenditure and Trustee Humes seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Training requests: Alex Campbell requested \$900.00 total for two courses: Fire Protection Water Supply and Fire Prevention Principles. James Schulte requested \$485.00 for Fire Apparatus/Equipment. President Harris moved to approve the request and Trustee Dunn seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no closed session at this month's meeting.

President Harris stated his intention to write a letter to the Chairman of the Madison County Board detailing the progress the District has made over the last 6 years. There was extended discussion of the potential contents and there was a consensus that he should prepare such a letter. It will be a long letter. There has been remarkable progress and improvement to the credit of the District Board, Chief Whitaker and Deputy Chief Hood.

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

CLOSING INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

At 8:40 PM President Harris moved for adjournment. Trustee Woolsey seconded and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Submitted By: Ron Williams
GCFPD Secretary

2023 Meeting Schedule:

01-31-2023
02-28-2023
03-28-2023
04-25-2023
05-30-2023
06-27-2023
07-25-2023
08-29-2023
09-26-2023
10-31-2023
11-28-2023
01-02-2024