

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

June 27, 2023 – Minutes of the Regular June 2023 Meeting

The Meeting was convened at 7:00 PM by President Harris

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

Trustee absent: None.

Fire/EMS Mgmt Present: Chief Whitaker, Lt. Jason Reaka, Lt. Ben Bullock, Lt. Johnny Warren.

Fire Fighters/EMS and others present: Tony, Dara, and Abby Pieri and family, John Miller and family, Connor Brown, Gregory DeStutter, Caleb Harrison, Mark Knowles, Alex McClinton Cameron Overholtz, and Ralph Wells

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTICE THAT ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESENTATIONS: On April 24, 2023 Glen Carbon resident Dara Pieri, while at her home, went into cardiac arrest and was injured falling. Her daughter Abby called 911 and began CPR. Kelsey Overholtz dispatched units of the GCFPD. Eleven members of the District responded. This was an example of every member doing the right thing: the thing he/she was trained to do. Abby Pieri is especially to be commended for her cool headed response, which was the critical factor in her mother's complete recovery. Life Saving Awards were presented to all participants.

Chief Whitaker swore in FF/Paramedic John Miller, and he was presented with his probationary helmet. FF/Miller's wife pinned his badge on him.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Trustee Humes moved to approve the minutes of the May regular meeting. Trustee Dunn seconded and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Mary Wrigley expressing thanks for the care her grandma received while being transported to Anderson Hospital.

E-mail from Anderson Hospital commenting on the excellent performance of District personnel in transporting a patient.

Notification the Red Hill Church, at 39 Kettle River Drive is seeking a religious property tax exemption.

Thank You note from Nicole Dicks in appreciation for work on the Glen Carbon Homecoming, 2023.

ANNUAL CHECKLIST: The District Board was reorganized with duties remaining the same as the previous fiscal year. The notice of tax exempt status was accepted by the MadCo Board of

Review for both properties; Station 1 and Station 2. It was noted that a new statute (50 ILCS 70/1 re: Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act) requires that the District establish a board to examine operations in search of efficiencies. The District will begin that process. No other action was required.

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

	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	1,318,349.07	994,407.29	2,312,756.36
Deposits	16,847.62	43,965.79	60,813.41
Expenditures	(184,725.32)	(175,988.81)	(360,714.13)
Net Activity	(167,877.70)	(132,023.02)	(299,900.72)
Ending Balance	1,150,471.37	862,384.27	2,012,855.64
Bank Balance	1,155,246.91	905,413.37	2,060,660.28

There were 11 expense items over \$2,000, totaling \$73,020.46. The tentative budget for 2023/2024 was presented and discussed. No action was required at this meeting.

Trustee Dunn moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Trustee Woolsey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CHIEFS REPORT:

EMS CALLS

May	Current	Last Year	Change
Month	100	146	Up 46.0%
YTD	582	627	Down 7.2%

Fire-Medical Assist– Total 99; CNX Enroute (6), Fire Alarm (3), Gas Leak (4), Brush Fire (3), MVC (3), CO Incident (1), Elec Wiring (1), Building Fire (1), Gasoline Spill (1).

Mutual Aid EMS – 13 Total: Alton (1); Maryville (7); Edwardsville (3); Troy (1), Rural Med (1).

Mutual Aid Fire – 1 Total: Edwardsville (1).

Lewis & Clark will holding a BOFF class in Glen Carbon in August 2023.

ISFI will be hosting FF Self Rescue and Survival on August 3, from 6pm-10pm.

Monthly training hours = 724.70 and included Fire Fighter Survival, Rapid Intervention, Tactics and Strategies, and a guest speaker on Solar Panels.

EMS Skills Days are held every 6 weeks at Station 2 for area paramedics.
Joint fire training held every 6 weeks with Edwardsville FD.

Gained access to 3 properties for training on south HWY 159.

Major Incidents: Structure fire at Shiloh Christian Church. Assisted by Edwardsville, Maryville, Troy, Collinsville and Mitchell. Still under investigation.

Inspections: **Began year two of annual inspections on all District businesses. Chief Whitaker reported that Dollar General is once again in violation and he is working with their corporate offices to resolve their violations.**

Grants: Applied for EMS Assistance Grant for 2023 to supplement the CPR program.

Foreign Fire Insurance Board: Next meeting on June 29, at Station 1. FF Ralph well and FF Antonia De Avila Diaz have filled the vacated seats on the FFI Board.

Volunteer Fire Department Association: Monthly meeting held on March 21, at 7:00 pm. The Assn donated \$1,000 from Homecoming receipts to the Camp I Am Me burn camp. The Assn is refinishing the hose cart at Station 2.

Other/PR: The next Neighborhood Meet and Greet is June 29th in Spring Valley.

EMS Billing: Collection rate for May 86.7%. YTD = 97.4. Total collected \$357,288.69. GEMT amount is \$119,276.84.

Staffing: **Request to add 1 new POC member to the staffing model. District will vote on the additional member later in the meeting.**

Issues/Accidents: Engine 1912 clipped mirrors with a tow truck in the construction lanes on Hwy 159. There was no damage to 1912 and apparently none to the tow truck.

The District, in consultation with the Village has issued a burn ban to be in force until 4 pm Friday, June 30. Note that this only applies to properties in the District and not in the Village, since there is a permanent burn ban in the Village.

INTERNAL ISSUES/ACCIDENTS: At Station 2, A/C unit #3 went down. It was recharged and is now operating, but will have to be replaced.

The Board approved the hiring of POC member Carl Woloszyn on motion by Trustee Humes and second by Trustee Dunn. The approval was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: Still working on the problem with the deed for the transfer of the west parking lot to MCT.

There was discussion of the proposed fire training grounds and the Village approval process. Action was deferred to the July meeting. Cost currently estimated at \$405,336.

Discussion continued about the annual audit. The Auditor is continuing to ask for more data, which the District promptly provides. No one is willing to guess when this will be complete.

NEW BUSINESS: As noted above the reorganization of the Board has been completed with no actual reorganization.

There was continued discussion of the tentative budget. A motion to approve the tentative budget for 2023/2024 was made by President Harris and seconded by Trustee Humes. The motion was passed unanimously.

There was discussion of the requirement to establish a Board of Fire Commissioners if, in the future, more full-time FF/Medics are added.

The process for procuring a new engine was discussed. No action was taken.

End of Life Equipment: None

Items Over \$20,000: None.

Items Under \$20,000: None

Training Requests: Caleb Harrison requests attendance at IFA Down & Dirty Fire Conference at a cost of \$250.00. James Schulte and Jason Reaka requests attendance at Advanced Fire Fighter Tech for \$2,100 total (sharing hotel room). Fire Chief Jason Whitaker for \$1,582.00 for Paramedicine Degree completion per his contract. President Harris moved to approve all four requests and Trustee Dunn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Closing Input From The Public: None

There being no further business to attend to President Harris entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Trustee Humes and seconded by President Harris carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Submitted By: Ron Williams
GCFPD Secretary

2023 Meeting Schedule:

07-25-2023

08-29-2023

09-26-2023

10-31-2023

11-28-2023

01-02-2024 (December meeting)