

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

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

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

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

Trustee absent: President Harris.

Fire/EMS Mgmt Present: Chief Whitaker, Dep Chief Hood, Cpt Alex Campbell, Lt Kiko Perez.

Fire Fighters/EMS and others present: Derek Chancy, Zack Napoli.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTICE THAT ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESENTATIONS: None.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Notice that a Joint Review Board Meeting of the Orchard TIF will be conducted by the Village on Aug 22, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Village Hall.

Letter from the MadCo EMA Director Fred Patterson thanking the District for assistance in maintaining a cooling space at Eden Village during a power outage.

Notification of a new address: 3901 S State Route 159, Glen Carbon.

Letter from Blue Cross-Blue Shield concerning favorable rate for medical insurance for the coming year. The annual rate increase will be only 0.9%.

NOTE: At this point in the meeting President Harris arrived and assumed the chair.

ANNUAL CHECKLIST: Trustee Woolsey presented a list of actions in a more friendly form. The audio tapes from closed meetings more than 18 months old are to be deleted. Action to be taken later in the meeting. No other action required.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The information for the Treasurer's Report was not available due to vacation activity at the bank. The Treasurer's Report was tabled to the August meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT:
EMS CALLS

June	Current	Last Year	Change
Month	129	119	Up 8.4%
YTD	711	746	Down 4.7%

Fire-Medical Assist– Total 117; CNX Enroute (8), Fire Alarm (5), Gas Leak (2), Brush Fire (1), MVC (6), CO Incident (1), Elec Wiring (1), Building Fire (1), Gasoline Spill (2), Equipment Rescue (1), Smell of Smoke (1).

Mutual Aid EMS – 19 Total: Collinsville (2); Alton (1); Maryville (9); Edwardsville (4); Rural Med (3).

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

Monthly training hours = 578.9 and included Annual CPR Refresher, Commercial Building Walkthrough of Air Evac 156 base, Radio Communications, Commercial Building Walkthrough of Ameren Transmission Center, Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Review.

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

Joint Fire Training with Edwardsville FD every 6 weeks.

Training will be held for the next 5 weeks at structures on South State Route 159.

Apparatus Repairs: 1930 in for a lift Cylinder leaking; 1941 had new front tires installed; 1913 got a new gas pedal.

Major Incidents: Storm over weekend of June 30 caused several calls throughout the Village. Trees and wires were down over a widespread area.

Eden Village lost power on July 3rd at 4 PM. The District, with the assistance of MadCo EMA deployed 3 commercial AC unit to create a cooling center in the building. See letter of appreciation above.

Inspection/Preplans: Continuing daily inspections of commercial buildings. Four business remain in violation.

Grants: Applied for EMS Assistance Grant for 2023 to supplement CPR program. Received a \$14,810 grant from the Illinois Public Risk Fund

Foreign Fire Insurance Board: Met on June 29, at Station 1. Approved the purchase of a trailer mounted BBQ grill for special events and the replacement Blast Mask for physical fitness training.

Volunteer Fire Department Association: Monthly meeting was held on July 18, at 7:00 pm. The Assn donated to Brett's First Responders and the Jake Ringering Foundation. They approved their updated bylaws and new membership applications have been sent out to all active and retired members.

Other/PR: The next Neighborhood Meet and Greet is August 9th in Ginger Creek.

EMS Billing: Collection rate for June was 89.9%. YTD = 84.2%. Total collected \$431,862.46. GEMT amount is \$136,200.49.

Staffing: There was a request to add 1 new part-time paramedic. There were two resignations. District to vote on the additional member and resignations later in the meeting.

Monthly CPR classes for the public have been started. They will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 PM.

The Annual Awards Party has been schedule at the LeClaire Room on Saturday, Jan 20, 2024 at 5 PM.

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.

OLD BUSINESS: A corrected copy of the deed for the MCT parking lot has gotten the approval MadCo Maps and Plats. This saga is coming to an end thanks to the efforts of Trustee Humes.

There was discussion of the proposed fire training grounds and the Village approval process. The Village is cooperating in an effort to expedite approval. Next step is presentation to Village Planning and Zoning.

Discussion continued about the annual audit and selection of a new auditor. On motion by Trustee Humes, seconded by President Harris a Request for Proposal was authorized by unanimous vote.

Action on the creation of a Board of Fire Commissioners was tabled to the August Meeting.

There was discussion concerning the State mandated creation of a Decennial Committee on Efficiency IAW 50 ILCS 70. Trustee Williams moved to form this committee to be composed the present District Board of Trustees plus Chief Whitaker, Deputy Chief Hood and FF/Paramedic Napoli. The motion was seconded by President Harris and was passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: There was discussion concerning the process of acquiring a new engine and a report on the committee actions and deliberations. On motion by President Harris, seconded by

Trustee Humes, the committee was authorized to proceed with the acquisition from the Rosenbauer Corp. for an amount not to exceed \$850,000.00.

There was no action on end-of-life equipment.

There were no expenditures over \$20,000.

There were no expenditures under \$20,000.

Training Requests: The Board approved an amount of \$19,390 for ten members to be named later to complete BOFF Training. Motion was by President Harris, seconded by Trustee Dunn and passed unanimously.

At 8:05 PM President Harris moved to adjourn and go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Trustee Humes seconded; motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

At 8:19 PM President Harris called the Regular July Board meeting back into session. All Trustees who were present at adjournment were now present, as were Chief Whitaker and Dep Chief Hood.

President Harris moved to suspend FF Andrew Dodge during the pendency of his Madison County criminal case. Trustee Dunn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

After further discussion concerning audio recordings of closed session meetings, President Harris moved to authorize and direct the deletion of all such recordings made before October 2021. Motion was seconded by Trustee Woolsey and passed unanimously.

Chief Whitaker called the Board's attention to an error in the labor agreement concerning the end of insurance date. President Harris moved to correct the date to May 31, 2027. Trustee Dunn seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

President Harris moved to approve the following personnel actions: Hiring of Part Time Paramedic Patrick Kelly and resignation of Ethan Manley and Justin Wilkinson. Trustee Woolsey seconded and the personnel actions were approved unanimously.

Closing Input from the Public: None.

There being no further business to attend to President Harris, at 8:40 PM moved to adjourn the regular July meeting. Trustee Dunn seconded the motions and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

Submitted By: Ron Williams

GCFPD Secretary

2023 Meeting Schedule:

08-29-2023

09-26-2023

10-31-2023

11-28-2023

01-02-2024 (December meeting)