

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

March 28, 2023 – Minutes of the Regular March 2023 Meeting

The Meeting was convened at 6:55 PM by President Harris

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

Trustee absent: Trustee Dunn

Fire/EMS Management Present: Chief Whitaker, Deputy Chief Hood,

Fire Fighters/EMS and others present: Nate Wahl, Chad VanRyn, Ralph Well and James Schulte.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTICE THAT ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Trustee Woolsey moved to approve the minutes of the February regular meeting held on Feb 28, 2023; the Closed Session on that date; and the Special Meeting on March 8; and the Closed Session on that date. Trustee Humes seconded and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Anderson Hospital for STEMI on March 7, 2023. Letter from Ameren notifying intent to upgrade gas lines in Edwardsville and Glen Carbon.

New Address at 204 Evergreen Lane, Unit B.

Congratulatory letter mentioning FF/Paramedics Brooks, Overholz, Reaks and Schulte, concerning a patient choking and otherwise unresponsive that was saved by their actions.

ANNUAL CHECKLIST: The only action required was the Letter on Reappointments and President Harris has accomplished that task.

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

	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	1,501,464.37	1,114,743.12	2,616,207.49
Deposits	18,798.93	78,761.81	97,560.74
Expenditures	(71,303.78)	(80,444.11)	(151,747.89)
Net Activity	(52,504.85)	(1,682.30)	(54,187.15)

Ending Balance	1,448,959.52	1,113,060.82	2,562,020.34
Bank Balance	1,452,308.83	1,132,223.04	2,584,531.87

There were two items over \$2,000 purchased totaling \$5,095.37. Trustee Williams moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and President Harris seconded. The Report was unanimously approved.

Trustee/Treasurer Humes reported that the District’s bank, Busey Bank, had a short term

CD offering reasonable rates of return. After discussion, Trustee Williams moved to invest \$750,000 from the fire account and \$500,000 from the EMS account for 11 months at the rate of 5.0%. President Harris seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CHIEFS REPORT:

EMS CALLS

January	Current	Last Year	Change
Month	93	100	Down 7.0%
YTD	219	254	Down 13.8%

Fire-Medical Assist– Total 96; Cancelled Enroute (10), Fire Alarm (6), Vehicle Crash (1), Brush Fire (3), Power line down (2), Smoke Det (1), Nat Gas Leak (1), Stalled Elevator (1), Structure Fire 1.

Mutual Aid EMS – 24 Total: Alton Memorial (7); Maryville (10); Edwardsville (7); .

Mutual Aid Fire – 7 Total: Edwardsville (5), Maryville (1), Troy (1).

Equipment Repair: 1935 got four new tires. 1941 & 1944 got new windshields. 1944 also got a new clearance light. 1914 got new batteries.

Major Incidents: A residential structural fire on March 2, at 3:50 PM in Glen Carbon resulted in 4 trucks, and 17 personnel employed. Response time was 2 min, 50 sec. A good performance all around as the structure suffered minimal damage and several pets (including one turtle) were rescued.

Assisted Edwardsville on structure Fire at Circle K/McDonalds on Highway 157.

Grants: No news on the EMS grant.

Sixteen members were trained in ice rescue. Need some ice to complete the training.

Volunteer Fire Dept: Meeting held on March 14, at which they committed \$4,000 to the purchase of a Burn Car Trainer. Additional \$4,000 to come from the FFIB and \$4,000 from the District.

Public Relations: During 6 classes with Edwardsville Fire Dept. 125 people received CPR training. At Lowes on March 4th, 53 people were trained and the Village of Glen Carbon had 46 people trained.

Neighborhood Open Houses will be deferred to April.

Personnel: All evaluations are complete.

The following personnel actions were approved on motion of President Harris, seconded by Trustee Humes: **Resignation letter from Paramedic Andy Walsh.**

Resignation letter from FF Rachel Fiorini.

Reinstatement of FF Dennis Riggs Jr.

Hiring of FF Jake Hatcher.

EMS billing rate in February was 112.2%. \$142,451.01 was received and our GEMT amount was \$51,873.43.

There were no accidents or issues to report.

Scheduled IFSI Trainings / Certifications-Captain Alex Campbell completed his Vehicle Machinery Operations certification.

Captain Alex Campbell, FF/Paramedic Zack Napoli, and FF Rachel Fiorini completed their Advanced Technician FF certification.

IFSI will be holding a Company Inspections class on Monday May 22nd from 9am-1pm.

IFSI will host Firefighter Self Rescue and Survival on Thursday August 3rd from 6pm- 10pm.

Weekly / Daily Training: Monthly training hours for Career and POC = 485.10.

February Trainings included: SCBA Buddy Breathing and Air Management.

Dodge Ball Walk through and Preplan of Glen Carbon Elementary School Building.

Construction Airbag familiarization and team bonding.

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

Deputy Chief Report: 1935 got 4 new tires, and it was noted that it will require front end work in the near future. Awaiting parts for body repair on 1913, which also needs new tires.

OLD BUSINESS: The transfer of the parking lot to MCT is complete, with documents recorded, but not yet received by the District.

At the direction of President Harris, Chief Whitaker presented a summary of the District's progress in responding to the McGrath study. For the most part, all recommendations have been addressed satisfactorily. Some are partially complete and some will not be acted on because of special circumstances in the District that satisfied the issue in a different way. It was the consensus of the Board that excellent progress has been achieved. There were a total of 64 areas of improvement we received from the McGrath company and to date we have successfully met all recommendations on 59 topics, are in progress on 2 topics, and 3 areas that are not being met, however they are being met in other ways

NEW BUSINESS: There was discussion on modifying the Travel Expense Ordinance to bring it in line with government rates automatically or reviewed annually. Action on this item was deferred to the April meeting.

Following limited discussion the collective bargaining agreement with Local 1700 was approved on motion by President Harris, seconded by Trustee Humes and passed by unanimous vote.

A mutual aid agreement with Rural Med EMS was approved on motion by President Harris seconded by Trustee Woolsey. This was necessitated by Pontoon Beach terminating their EMS service and contracting it out to Rural Med. Granite City will provide primary aid to the area west of Maryville Road and the GCFPD will provide primary mutual aid to that area east of the road. This was approved by a unanimous vote.

On motion of President Harris, seconded Trustee Woolsey, and passed unanimously, a committee was established to work the details of replacing 1911. Trustee Humes will serve on the committee.

After discussion a committee was approved to manage the renovation of Station 2. Motion was by President Harris, seconded by Trustee Woolsey, and a unanimous affirmative vote. Trustee Williams will serve on this committee.

End of Life Equipment: On motion by President Harris, seconded by Trustee Humes and passed unanimously, the following will be scrapped: Two each MSA 4-gas Detectors; and the 3ex phone system.

There were no items to consider costing over \$20,000.

On motion by Trustee Humes, seconded by Trustee Woolsey, an expenditure of \$4,000 was authorized for a Burn Car Training device. Approval was by unanimous vote.

There were three requests for training for IFSI Summer Fire College in the amount of \$375 each for: Josh Mayfield, Caleb Harrison, and Connor Brown. President Harris moved for approval, seconded by Trustee Woolsey and passed by unanimous vote.

One further committee was established: the Fire Training Ground Committee. Trustee Woolsey will represent the District Board on this committee. Approval was on motion of Trustee Humes, seconded by President Harris and passed by unanimous vote.

CLOSING INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC. None

There being no further business to attend to President Harris moved to adjourn. Trustee Woolsey seconded the motion and by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM

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
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10-31-2023
11-28-2023
01-02-2024 (December meeting)