

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

29 March 2022 – Minutes of District Regular March Board Meeting.

Trustees present: President Harris, Trustee Schaake, Trustee Humes., and Trustee Williams
Trustees absent: Trustee Dunn
Fire/EMS Management Present: Chief Whitaker, Deputy Chief Hood,
Fire Fighters/EMS and others present: Jacob Faulkner, James Schulte, Nate Wahl, and Ralph Well. Brett's First Responder Foundation was represented by Jack Korves, Shelly Korves, Alex Korves, and Carly Tribout. Cadets present were Jack Faulkner and Austin Whitaker. Nick Meggos from the Nyhart Group. Andrew Dodge, Doug Schulte, and Chad VanRyn attended virtually.

The Meeting was convened at 7:00 pm by President Harris.

INPUT FROM PUBLIC: None.

PRESENTATION BY BRETT'S FIRST RESPONDER FOUNDATION: This is a foundation for off duty heroes that supports activities associated with first responder organizations. They presented a check for \$2,500 to the GCFPD for the Cadet Program. Thank You Letter to be sent.

PRELIMINARY VALUATION REVIEW: Mr. Nick Meggos of the Nyhart Group presented data showing the District's expected contribution to the Paid Firefighters' Pension Fund. Important data points are:

- Number of Participants: 8
- Average Age: 36.5
- Average Service: 3.5
- Average Compensation: \$66,736
- Active Participant Payroll: \$533,890

Nyhart recommends funding at the 100% level. This results in a District contribution of \$75,515 to \$104,584, depending interest assumptions. No action was required at this time.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES – Trustee Humes moved to approve the minutes of the February regular meeting and President Harris seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

ANNUAL CALENDAR CHECKLIST: Action is required on workplace transparency. Deputy Chief Hood to complete this item. All other required items have been completed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Reporting Month: February 2022

	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	1,704,492.33	717,679.95	2,422,172.28
Deposits	517.06	67,008.01	67,525.07
Expenditures	(70,493.18)	(106,658.22)	(177,151.40)
Net Activity	(69,976.12)	(39,650.21)	(109,626.33)
Ending Balance	1,634,516.21	678,029.74	2,312,545.95
Statement Balance	1,626,927.06	705,230.84	2,332,157.90

Approval of the January Treasurer's Report was tabled pending retransmission of the data. The data was included in the board packets for this month. Therefore, Trustee Harris moved for approval of both the January and February reports. Trustee Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: Geissler Roof Co proposal and scope of work for rework of main entrance at Station 1 and for bedroom doors at Station 2. Work previously approved at February meeting and nothing further required.

Information Providers, Inc. sent a notice of insurance premium audit to be performed on/about March 15, 2022.

County Clerk, Ms. Ming-Mendoza, confirms need of Station 1 meeting room as a polling place for the June 28, 2022 Election. Deputy Chief Hood confirmed the availability to the Clerk.

New address submitted (4575 Benes Ave, Glen Carbon).

Attorney forwarded a copy of Certificate of Publication for Audit Notice.

Excel Risks sent an offer to provide insurance.

CHIEF'S REPORT –

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Swearing in of POC Firefighter Dennis Riggs was continued to the April Meeting.

An investigation by Trustee Williams, directed by President Harris has shown that Probationary Firefighter Colin Boyd has not met any of the requirements of his position. He has not attended training or any calls over a period exceeding three months. It is evident he has lost interest and is not communicating. Trustee Williams made a motion that he be removed from the District's rolls without prejudice. Trustee Harris seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Deputy Chief Hood to send notice to Mr. Boyd by registered mail.

ACCIDENTS & INCIDENTS – Chief Whitaker reported there was a minor accident in which a responding truck struck a retaining wall at the Ginger Creek entrance. A few blocks were displaced and the operator promptly replaced them. No further action is required.

ACTIVITY:

EMS CALLS

February Month	Current	Last Year	Change
YTD	100	116	-13.8%
	254	240	+5.8%

FIRE CALLS: Total =137. Medical Assist – 95, Fire Alarm – 6, Building Fire – 3, Vehicle Accident – 3, Grass fire – 1, Other – 16.

Mutual Aid EMS total =20. Pontoon Beach - 5, Edwardsville - 5, Maryville - 5, Collinsville - 3, Troy - 2.

Mutual Aid Fire –Total 3: Edwardsville - 2, Maryville - 1

TRAINING: EMT-Basic class started on Monday 3/28/2022. There are 6 members from Glen Carbon, 2 from Troy, and 1 from Maryville in the class.

Fire Behavior and Thermal Imaging class is scheduled through Max Fire on Thursday June 9, 2022. Cost will be split between Glen Carbon, Maryville, and Troy.

Monthly training hours for Career and POC in February were 337.25 and included SCBA/PPE JPR completion and Gear Inspections SCBA Buddy Breathing and RIT Connections Building Construction. March trainings are at The Bank of Edwardsville locations.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Assistant Chief Bowles and Patrolman Spratt will be leading a joint effort between Fire and Village PD for increased community involvement.

EQUIPMENT REPAIRS: Ambulance 1941 remains out of service with a bad battery on the stretcher. Battery is 10-12 weeks out.

1935 has completed in repairs on the Alternator and Power Steering and is back in service.

1933 had the basket removed platform and the basket welded. Truck is back in service.

1901 remains OOS at Weber in Granite City. Vehicle lost power and had to be towed twice.

MAJOR INCIDENTS: A residential structure fire in an apartment on West Main St. was contained to the apartment of origin. That apartment was a total loss. Fire caused by using a fireplace that was no longer functional. Glen Carbon responded with 3 Chief Officers, 2 Ladder trucks, 2 engines and 1 Ambulance. Investigator Walton and FF Dodge completed the Fire Investigation.

Glen Carbon fire units responded to a Dryer Fire on Lucinda Drive. Occurrence was at the end of training at Bank of Edwardsville allowing a large and timely response. We had 2 chiefs, 2 Fire Apparatus, and an Ambulance on scene within 48 seconds of the time of Dispatch.

GRANTS: Waiting results of the OSFM small equipment grant for video laryngoscope. Awards will be announced on April 30, 2022.

Awaiting results of FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the installation of a burn building and the funding for an additional Basic Operations Firefighter class at a cost of \$830,000.

Working on a grant to obtain Residential Knox Boxes to be issued to frequent callers to allow easier access into residences.

FOREIGN FIRE BOARD. Next meeting is scheduled for April 21st at 6pm

EMS BILLING:—Collection rate for January 2022 = 89.6%. Collection rate for 2022 YTD = 90.9%.

STAFFING: Added 13 POC Firefighters since May 2021 surpassing the goal of 5 for the year. Have 4 applications for POC Firefighter, however due to a lack of turnout gear we are delaying bringing them on. Expect gear delivery any day.

Resignation received from Steve Carlson. His full-time responsibilities preclude further service. Motion to accept the resignation by Trustee Williams was seconded by Trustee Schaake and passed unanimously.

DC HOOD/ADMINISTRATOR: Reported as follows:

Testing in the Village continues to check backflow preventers.

1900 needs recall work on oil sensor.

Pump testing is complete.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maryville Mutual Aid meeting was rescheduled once again.

McGrath Study: Chief Whitaker and Deputy Chief performed a detailed analysis of the District's response to the McGrath recommendations. It is found in this month's Board Packets. The results are overwhelmingly favorable.

Deputy Chief Hood presented a new ordinance relating to Knox Boxes. Motion to adopt made Trustee Harris and seconded by Trustee Humes. It was agreed to unanimously.

There was no end of life cycle equipment to discuss.

There are no purchase requests for items costing over \$20,000.

Test books for an EMT class were purchased for \$1,475.17.

Training requests were received for FFs Dodge, VanRyn and Walton for a total of \$1610.00.

Trustee Humes moved to approve and Trustee Williams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NOTE: At this point President Harris was called away on a family emergency and Trustee Humes was delegated to preside.

There was discussion of changes to the Voluntary Shift Bidding provisions among the union EMTs. Wording of the changes can be found in a draft on page 10 in this month's Board packets. Action expected on the changes next month.

There was discussion of a call back provision and a Memorandum of Understanding - Non-Emergent Staffing of 3rdAmbulance. No action was taken.

CLOSING INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made by Trustee Williams to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Motion seconded by Trustee Schaake and was agreed unanimously.

Submitted By: Ron Williams
GCFPD Secretary

2022 Meeting Schedule: JANUARY 25, FEBRUARY 22, MARCH 29, APRIL 26, MAY 31, JUNE 29, JULY 26, AUGUST 30, SEPTEMBER 27, OCTOBER 25, NOVEMBER 29, JANUARY 3, 2023 (DECEMBER DEFERRED MEETING DATE).