

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

September 24, 2024 – Minutes of the Regular September 2024 Meeting

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

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

Trustee absent: Trustee Harris.

Fire/EMS Mgmt Present: Chief Whitaker, Dep Chief Hood, Asst Chief Bowles, and Lt. Reaka.

Fire Fighters/EMS and others present: FF Overholtz.

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 August meeting. Trustee Woolsey seconded and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from the Illinois Public Risk Fund. New addresses on Magnolia Drive and on S. Meridian Road. Thank you letter from Rachelle Crowe for the event at Fields Crossing.

ANNUAL CHECKLIST: Item 30: Review all insurance coverages. Dep Chief Hood reported that the item has been completed.

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

August 2024	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	280,111.26	1,510,354.97	1,790,466.23
Deposits	85,951.01	162,931.16	248,882.17
Expenditures	(103,666.02)	(144,026.23)	(247,692.25)
Net Activity	(17,715.01)	18,904.93	(1,189.92)
Ending Balance	262,396.25	1,529,259.90	1,791,656.15
Bank Balance	266,425.91	1,556,194.42	1,822,620.33

There were 4 expense items over \$2,000, totaling \$14,512.70 for August.

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

CHIEF'S REPORT:

EMS/Fire Calls for August
EMS Monthly Summary & Year-to-Date

AUGUST	Current	Last year	Change (%)
Month	148	148	0.0%
YTD	1140	973	Up 16.7%

Fire–Medical Assist (19), Cancelled Enroute (8), MVC (1), FireAlarm (3), Misc. (2), Smoke Scare (1), Brush Fire(1), Trash Fire(1), Structure Fire(1), Gas Leak (1).

Mutual Aid report was not available.

Training: James Schulte, Jason Reaka, Brian Ribbing, and Jacob Hatcher completed Machinery Operations class through the Illinois Fire Service Institute.

Weekly/Daily Training Monthly training hours for Career and POC +418.6.

AUGUST Trainings included:

Wild Land Firefighting

Technical Rescue Awareness

EMS Patient Packaging

Training on new 1911

Ameren Gas Live Demo

EMS Skills Days are being held every 6 weeks at our station #2 for the area Paramedics.

Grants: Applied for the 2024 Illinois American Water grant in the amount of \$1000.00. Applied for the 2024 Q2 Firehouse Subs grant in the amount of \$32,000.00.

Foreign Fire Insurance Board The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Glen Carbon Volunteer Fire Department Association: No report was available.

Other/PR: Monthly CPR classes continue for the public at our Station #1. Classes are on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm.

Performed the Flag Detail for the Randy Gori Memorial Car Show on September 7th.

Performed the annual Fire Extinguisher in service for Eden Village staff on September 19th.

Provided tours of equipment for the annual St. Cecilians Chicken Dinner on September 22nd.

Neighborhood Meet and Greet scheduled in Forest Grove on Wednesday, September 25th.

Participated in Touch a Truck with Edwardsville Township on Saturday, September 20th.

Assisted with the Flag Detail for Italian Fest in Collinsville on Saturday, September 20th.

Participating in the Fire Prevention Safety Day at Home Depot on October 5th.
Neighborhood Meet and Greet on Mark Trail Dr. is scheduled for October 5th.
Hosting the annual FD Open House on Sunday, October 6th from 11 am-2 pm.
Hosting numerous fire prevention demos at our local preschools throughout October.
The inaugural Retirees Breakfast is scheduled for 0800 on Saturday, October 12.
Providing EMS support for the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, October 19th.
Membership Appreciation BBQ is scheduled for 3 pm on Saturday, October 19th.
Neighborhood Meet and Greet in the Timbewolfe subdivision is scheduled for October 23rd.
Trunk or Treat at United Methodist Church on October 27th.
Halloween Parade on October 31st at 6pm in Edwardsville.

EMS Billing:

The collection rate for July 2024=65.1%.

The collection rate for 2024 YTD is 85.6%.

Total Amount Collected =\$586,225.74.

GEMT Collection YTD =\$112,442.95

There was no report on the Foreign Fire Board.

Staffing: Remains adequate but overtime is starting to become more frequent. Still looking to add Part Time Paramedics.

Two personnel actions were recommended: Add part-time Paramedic Patrick Blaesing and Remove part-time Paramedic Adam Linnell. Trustee Humes moved to approve these actions. Trustee Woolsey seconded and the actions were approved by unanimous vote.

DEPUTY CHIEF:

Unit 1944 still has an air conditioning problem that is causing undue effort and concern. Dep Chief Hood is working the problem.

Deputy Chief Hood reported that there are changes coming at the County level in electronic reporting. It is a complex issue that will result some additional cost to the District. More information in the coming months. No action expected until early 2026.

ASST CHIEF: In August there were 13 building inspections. Four were satisfactory, with no violations. Seven failed with minor violations. Oh LA La Spa is still working to get into compliance. There have been 109 inspections year-to-date.

INTERNAL ISSUES/ACCIDENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: There was nothing to report on the fire training grounds.

There was no report on the potential Fire Commission.

The draft McGrath Report has been received and reviewed. Chief Whitaker noted three minor errors. Otherwise we await the final report.

Station 2 remodel work is under way. No problems to deal with at this time. Project appears to be on schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

End of Life Equipment: None.

Items Over \$20,000: None

Items Under \$20,000: None

Training Requests: None

Closing Input From The Public: None

There being no further business to attend to, Acting President Dunn moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Williams and the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Submitted By: Ron Williams
GCFPD Secretary

2023 Meeting Schedule:

10-31-2023

11-28-2023

01-02-2024 (December meeting)