

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

27 July 2021 – Minutes of District Regular Board Meeting

****This meeting was held during the COVID-19 pandemic and during Governor Pritzker's Illinois Disaster Proclamation declared in Executive Order No. 2020-04 (COVID-19 Executive Order No. 2). All Trustees were physically present at this meeting and the meeting room was open to the public while conforming to distancing standards. The District afforded the public an additional opportunity to attend the meeting by calling into the meeting via Zoom or conference call. Instructions for calling into the meeting were included on the District's agenda for the meeting.**

Trustees present: President Harris, Treasurer Schaake, Trustee Humes, Trustee Williams, Secretary Otto

Trustees absent: None

Fire/EMS Management Present: Chief Whitaker, Deputy Chief Hood, Asst. Chief Bowles, Capt. Jay Steinhauer, Lt. Jason Reaka

Firefighter/EMS, Paid-On Call Firefighters, Part-Time EMS Present: Chad VanRyn, Camron Overholtz, Zack Napoli, Mike DeConcini, Gregory DeSutter and Family, Andrew Dodge, Rachel Fiorini and Family, Andrew Gipson, Tony Hargis, Denny Riggs, Rachel Robert and Family, Johnny Warren, Ralph Well, Danny Picarella and Family, Doug Schultz, Frank Slemmer, David Cook

Others Present: Numerous family members for swearing in and retirement.

The Meeting was convened at 7:09 pm by President Harris.

President Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INPUT FROM PUBLIC: None.

Chief Whitaker promoted the following Firefighters to Lieutenant, administered the oath of office and presented badges to: Gregory DeSutter
Rachel Fiorini
Rachel Robert

Chief Whitaker recognized the retirement of Assistant Chief Danny Picarella after 33 years of service to the District and presented his helmet and radio belt.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES – Trustee Humes moved, seconded by President Harris to approve the June 29 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS –

New address Alexandra Drive
Vehicle Policy Renewal
Village of Glen Carbon Backflow Maintenance Report
Certificate of Exempt Property 209 Danzer Drive
Home demolished 4212 S. State 159
Stobbs, Sinclair, Livingstone Notice of Public Hearing on Budget Aug. 31
Glen Carbon Fire Protection District Public Education Programs
Red Cross Battle of the Badges Blood Drive Aug. 9
Village Communicator Submission due Aug. 1

REVIEW ANNUAL CALENDAR CHECKLIST OF ACTIVITIES

2021/2022 Budget Appropriation and Ordinance

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

TREASURER’S REPORT – Treasurer Schaake reported the ending June Balance -- \$1,721,625.80. No Disbursement requests. President Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF’S REPORT –

Fire Department Status – Asst. Fire Chief Bowles reported on the following:
Calls – 130 total in June. 98 EMS, 32 Fire and Other
Training – Basic Officer Fire Fighter – 8 have passed State testing.
Fire Service Vehicle Operations – 23 members completed and passed
IFSI Traffic Incident Management Safety will be taught this Fall
New Car Technology and Liquid/Compressed Gas Vehicles
Daily and Weekly Training ongoing, 520 hours completed in June
Vehicle, Equipment and Facility Status.
Mutual Aid Agreements with Maryville at review stage. Edwardsville progressing.
IPRF Audit completed with no negative items

Personnel Activity – President Harris moved, seconded by Treasurer Schaake to approve hiring of four part-time Paramedics: Matthew Tebbe, Peter Krayniak, Derek Chancy and Steve Carlson and three Paid-On Call Firefighters: Clayton Jakul, Sam Schlegl and Antonio De Avila Diaz. Motion passed unanimously. President Harris moved, seconded by Treasurer Schaake to approve a Leave of Absence for Danny Gulledge. Motion passed unanimously.

Ambulance EMS Service – Chief Whitaker reported on call volume, personnel and vehicle status, training and collections. Billing collections for Fiscal Year 2021 continue at an

above average success rate of nearly 75 percent. The new 1941 ambulance was placed into service July 22.

Paramedics James Schulte and Zach Napoli were recognized by Anderson Hospital EMS for their early designation of a STEMI that had a positive outcome on an endangered patient.

DISTRICT ADMINSTRATOR REPORT – Deputy Chief Hood reported on inspections completed, vehicle and facility status.

OLD BUSINESS –

Covid-19 Operations -- Unchanged.

President Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Humes to approve Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement with Village of Maryville.. Motion passed unanimously.

Agreement with Edwardsville in in progress.

Disposition of unit 1942 is pending.

Other – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

Treasurer Schaake moved, seconded by President Harris to approve the 2021/2022 Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

President Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Humes to have Chief Whitaker lead the establishment of a Foreign Fire Insurance Board. Motion passed unanimously.

President Harris moved, seconded by Treasurer Schaake to have Trustee Williams lead the establishment of a Pension Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Whitaker will present an IPPFA/NPPFA recommendation at the August 31 meeting.

President Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the updated District Driving Policy. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Schaake moved, seconded by Trustee Williams to approve up to \$3,400 for floor care at both stations. Motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Chief Hood reported that the Door 5 cable broke and has been repaired. Door has some cosmetic damage but is still operational and no further repairs are recommended at this time.

Deputy Chief Hood has recommended that the District pursue steps to adopt life safety codes such as Knox Boxes for commercial businesses that would allow after hours access without damaging a potentially damaging entry. The Board told him to proceed.

Equipment Requests under \$20K: Turnout gear proposal deferred to August.

President Harris moved, seconded by Treasurer Schaake to approve \$4,500 for a duty uniform issue for 30 members. Motion passed unanimously.

President Harris moved, seconded by Secretary Otto to approve \$12,240 for four-year maintenance contract for Lifepak 15 monitors. Motion passed unanimously.

A proposal for \$2,290 for new and updated workout equipment has been deferred to see if the Association would be interested in funding.

Training Requests. President Harris moved, seconded by Trustee Humes to approve \$2,765.34 total for Andrew Dodge and Carl Walton for Annual Fire Investigator's Conference and Fire Instructor 2 as well as Vehicle Machinery Operations which is a no cost training. Motion passed unanimously.

Other: Incorporating IMRF recommendations.

Closing Public Input: None.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by President Harris, seconded by Trustee Williams to adjourn meeting. Adjourned by unanimous agreement at 8:29 pm.

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday August 31.

Submitted by: Christopher P. Otto
GCFPD Secretary

2021 Meeting Schedule: SEPTEMBER 28, OCTOBER 26, NOVEMBER 30, JANUARY 4,
2022 DECEMBER MEETING DATE