

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

**22 February 2022 – Minutes of District Regular February Board Meeting.**

Trustees present: President Harris, Trustee Schaaake, Trustee Humes., Trustee Dunn, and Trustee Williams

Trustees absent: None

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

Fire Fighters/EMS and others present: Tom Bowles and family, Kyle Bowles, Andrew Dodge, Zack Duffield and family, Ethan Manley, Alex McClinton and family, Cameron Overholtz, Doug Schultz, Chad VanRyn and family, Nate Wahl, and Ralph Well.

Rachel Fiorini attended by Zoom.

The Meeting was convened at 7:05 pm by President Harris.

INPUT FROM PUBLIC: None.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: Chief Whitaker conducted swearing-in ceremonies for Alex McClinton, Kyle Bowles, and Zack Duffield. A motion to add these personnel to the District roster was made by President Harris and seconded by Trustee Schaaake. The motion passed unanimously.

President Harris reviewed the annual checklist. No action was required.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES – Trustee Williams moved to approve the minutes of the January 25<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and President Harris seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS The following were received:

Annexation packet from Hepler, Broom, LLC.

Form 1099-Misc from State Farm.

Petition for annexation of property at 59956 State Rte 162.

Public notice of audit from Stobbs, Sinclair, and Livingstone,

An abatement ordinance from Stobbs, Sinclair, and Livingstone.

Form-1099 Misc from Health Alliance Plan of Michigan.

The winter issue of Fire Call & News/

Notice of new address in the District from Robert Waymire.

**OFFICIAL REPORTS:**

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer's report for January was tabled due to an error in transmission.

## CHIEF'S REPORT –

Fire Department Status – Chief Whitaker reported the following:

Total EMS/Fire Calls for January 1 – January 31 = 192

EMS Calls for January = 158, compared to 124 in same period in 2021, for a change of +27.4%

Fire activity for January was: Total 192: Medical Assist (150), Fire Alarm (8), Building Fire (4), Vehicle Accident (2), Ice Rescue (2), Grass Fire (1), Vehicle Fire (1), Natural Gas Leak (1), Carbon Monoxide Incident (1), Other (7).

Mutual Aid EMS – 18 total: Pontoon Beach (6), Edwardsville (5), Maryville (4), Collinsville (3)

Mutual Aid Fire – 2 Total: Troy (1), Madison (1)

Training Activity: Monthly training hours = 141.5. Training included SOP/SOG Review and Issuance; and Annual Fitness for Duty Obstacle Course. Two weeks of training were cancelled due to weather and COVID-19 issues.

Public Education – Established a Public Relations Chairman (Asst. Chief Tom Bowles) and began working on PR events and classes for 2022. Meeting with Police Chief on Wednesday to establish joint relations and training opportunities

Grants: Awaiting the results of the OSFM small equipment grant for video laryngoscope. Awaiting results of FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant for the purchase and installation of a burn building and the funding for an additional Basic Operations Firefighter class to be held at our facility at a cost of \$830,000.

Awaiting results of grant from Brett's First Responders for funding of the Cadet Program. Working on a grant to obtain Residential Knox Boxes to be issued to frequent callers to allow easier access into residences

Equipment Repairs: On unit 1941, Stryker replaced additional parts and all appears to be functioning at this time.

Apparatus Repairs: 1944 had rear door latch replaced.

Oil changes and bi-annual maintenance complete.

Unit 1935 currently under repair for replacement of alternator and power steering lines.

Major Incidents: Staffed 3 Ambulances, 2 Fire Trucks, and 3 Quick Response/Chief Vehicles for the major snowstorm. Had 14 members on duty for the duration of the incident. Responded to several calls throughout the storm but no major issues arose.

Responded to Mutual Aid to Maryville for a residential structure fire. Units 1901, 1930, and 1944 assisted. Units 1900, 1913, and Highland EMS staffed Glen Carbon during the incident. Responded for a residential fire at 600 Pepper Ridge Ct. in Glen Carbon. Quick response and aggressive attack contained the fire to the carport and no damage was noted to the house.

Foreign Fire Board: The next meeting is scheduled for April 21 at 6pm.

EMS billing rate for November is 78.9% total is approximately \$70,000, reflecting new rates.

There were no accidents in January.

Chief Whitaker reported that the District's response time has steadily improved and is now in the 90 second range for first unit out the door. This comports with the national standard and reflects well on all those who have struggled with this metric over the past two years.

Staffing: POC FF's Dennis Riggs Jr., Zack Duffield, and Kyle Bowles have completed their probationary training and are being promoted to the rank of Firefighter.

FF/Paramedic Alex McClinton began service on February 2, 2022.

Staffing procedures due to COVID have returned to normal.

We currently have 1 part time paramedic out with COVID.

Have currently added 13 additional Paid-on-Call firefighters since May 2021 far surpassing the goal of 5 for the year.

POC FF Daniel Liliensiek submitted his retirement letter.

#### DEPTUY CHIEF/ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Inspection and coordination on three projects continued: Bank of Edwardsville, Ameren and Keystone.

There was discussion of an ordinance requiring commercial structures to have Knox Boxes.

A change of fittings for new fire hydrants was discussed. Will also require an ordinance.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

COVID operations have ended and there has been a return to normal.

The Mutual Aid Agreement with Maryville will be discussed (again) on Feb 24, at 2:30.

No progress to report on the transfer of the MCT Heritage Trail parking lot.

A presentation on the Pension Board actuarial calculations will be heard at the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

It was noted that annexation payments from Maryville are being received.

An amount not greater than \$2,500 was authorized for raised garden beds at Station 2, on motion by President Harris and second by Trustee Schaake. Approval was unanimous.

The District will engage a Personal Trainer for 10 weeks to supplement efforts to enhance the fitness of members. Cost to be \$3,000, shared equally by the District and Foreign Fire Board. Motion by President Harris and seconded by Trustee Humes, with unanimous agreement.

Due to foundation settling at Station 2, there is a need to replace two bedroom doors at a cost of \$2,296. The work will also include replacement of seals on one rear bay door. President Harris moved to approve the work and Trustee Schaake seconded. Approval was unanimous.

On motion by Trustee Schaake, seconded by Trustee Williams, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of Life Safety Rope in the amount of \$1,818.

On motion of Trustee Humes, seconded by Trustee Williams and approved unanimously by the Board, \$3,800 was authorized for purchase of surplus radios from Bethalto.

Trustee Williams discussed the need to alter the main entrance to Station 1 to prevent bird droppings from accumulating at the door. Williams moved for approval of up to \$9,000 for these alterations. Trustee Humes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TRAINING: Requests were received from POC FF Walton, Whal, and Dodge. President Harris moved to approve these training courses, with the exception of an Arson Investigation Course (POC FF Dodge) and Trustee Humes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER: There was no closed session at this meeting.

CLOSING PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:32 PM, there being no further business, President Harris moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Schaake seconded the motion and it passed 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).