

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

26 April 2022 – Minutes of District Regular February Board Meeting.

Trustees present: President Harris, Trustee Schaaake, and Trustee Dunn,
Trustees absent: Trustee Williams and Trustee Humes
Fire/EMS Management Present: Chief Whitaker, Deputy Chief Hood,
Fire Fighters/EMS and others present: Ethan Manley, Ralph Well, Carl Walton, Andrew Dodge,
James Schulte, Mike Woolsley, Christopher Otto, and Barb Otto.

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

INPUT FROM PUBLIC: None.

PRESENTATION: President Harris made a presentation to outgoing Trustee Schaaake and recently departed Trustee Otto thanking them for the time and dedication as members of the Glen Carbon Fire Protection District Board. Both men were presented plaques for their efforts.

APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES – Trustee Schaaake moved to approve the minutes of the March 29th regular meeting and President Harris seconded. Motion carries 3 “YES” and 2 “ABSENT.”

COMMUNICATIONS The following were received:

Email from EMS Coordinator Steve Nikolaisen commending the EMS Staff

Thankyou letter issued by Chief Whitaker to Brett’s First Responders

Thankyou letter issued by Chief Whitaker to Reinalt-Thomas Corporation

Thankyou letter issued by Chief Whitaker to CJD Real Estate

Letter of Support issued by Chief Whitaker for the Village of Glen Carbon to pursue a grant utilized for enlarging the water mains on South Main St.

Certificate of Status of Tax-Exempt Property for 199 S. Main St

Copy of request for ad published in the Edwardsville Intelligencer for the passing of Ordinance 20-220.

Letter from Illinois Department of Employment Security on Wage Reporting Requirements.

Posting of new address at 205 Werner Dr.

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

OFFICIAL REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT –

Reporting Month: March 2022

	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	1,634,516.21	678,029.74	2,312,545.95
Deposits	20,115.03	99,942.48	120,057.51
Expenditures	(103,914.24)	(75,549.98)	(179,464.22)
Net Activity	(83,799.21)	(24,392.50)	(59,406.71)
Ending Balance	1,550,717.00	702,422.24	2,253,139.24
Statement Balance	1,544,655.43	720,171.76	2,264,827.19

Trustee Schaaake also distributed the Profit and Loss Statement and the Checkbook spending for the month of March.

A motion was made by President Harris to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Trustee Dunn. Motion carries 3 "YES" and 2 "ABSENT."

CHIEF'S REPORT –

Fire Department Status – Chief Whitaker reported the following:

Total EMS/Fire Calls for March 1 – March 31 = 149

EMS Calls for March = 118, compared to 122 in same period in 2021, for a change of – 13.8%. Year to date the EMS calls remain up 5.8%

Fire activity for March was: Total 149: Medical Assist (104), Grass Fire (3), Fire Alarm (3), Carbon Monoxide (2), Natural Gas Leak (2), Cooking Fire (1), Vehicle Accident (1), Power Line Down (1)

Mutual Aid EMS – 30 total: Pontoon Beach (10), Maryville (9), Collinsville (6), Edwardsville (5)

Mutual Aid Fire –2 Total: Edwardsville (2)

Training Activity: Monthly training hours for Career and POC = 707.25. March Trainings included (all taught at the Bank of Edwardsville): Search and Rescue, Rapid Intervention Training, Horizontal and Vertical Ventilation, Forcible Entry. April trainings include Fire Nozzles and Streams, Hose loads, and Ropes and Knots.

Grants: Grants have been awarded for the Small Equipment Fund Grant and we were not chosen as a recipient. 104 grants were given statewide out of almost 500 applications. 3 departments in

Madison County received grant funding. 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

Equipment Repairs: None

Apparatus Repairs: 1900 had warranty work repaired and Oil Pressure sensor replaced.

1944 had 4 rear tires replaced.

All DOT Inspections completed for Ambulances

Major Incidents: Responded to several mutual aid fires in Edwardsville and Troy during the past month. Glen Carbon had one residential structure fire that was contained to the outside of the structure. Glen Carbon also had a vehicle fire on the interstate that shut down traffic for an extended duration.

Foreign Fire Board: Board met on Thursday April 21st at 6pm.

Board approved the split purchase of the Personal Trainer at a cost of \$1,500

Board approved the purchase of a 3-man Sauna to be placed in the mezzanine at Station 2 at a cost of \$5,000

Board is obtaining quotes for the placing of Chevron onto the rear of the Fire Apparatus.

Chief Whitaker advised on the current EMS Billing Rates. He advised that we received our first GEMT payment in the amount of \$47,976.84. Has a meeting setup with staffing from Andres Medical Billing to discuss reporting.

There were no issues or accidents to report on in March.

Staffing: Chief Whitaker requested to hire 1 additional Part Time Paramedic, Brendon Heaton, and 3 additional Paid-on-Call Firefighters, Tyler McCracken, Nicholas McDonald, and Sawyer McGrath. Motion was made by President Haris, 2nd by Trustee Dunn to hire all 4 members at the request of Chief Whitaker. Motion carries 3 "YES" and 2 "ABSENT."

DEPTUY CHIEF/ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

11 Building Inspections completed in March

Units 1901 is back in service replaced alternator, 3 injectors, fuel pump, fuel filters, sending unit, flushed fuel tank

1900 recall on air bags completed, replaced oil PSI sensor

1944 replaced all 4 rear tires

all 3 ambulance DOT inspections completed

3 Chain Saw repairs completed (new chain, new plug, new filter)

Monthly safety meeting with Ameren, Keystone

Annual Aerial inspection will be scheduled for August (1930,1933,1935)

OLD BUSINESS:

CoVid-19 Operation Status: Chief Whitaker reported on a change to PPE requirements on medical calls. Due to low transmission rates in our area minimum PPE requirements have been reduced to a surgical mask on non-Covid related emergencies.

The Mutual Aid Agreement with Maryville discussion has been postponed by Maryville Mayor until May 2022.

We received an email from MCT advising that they have completed the maps and their Legal department is still in the process of completing the paperwork.

Chief Whitaker reported that he spoke with Nick Meggos from Nyhart Corporation, and he has received all of the current documentation of IMRF from 2021 thru present, however he is now looking for the total amount to be received from IMRF when we officially transfer to an Article IV pension system. Franklin and Vaughn will be obtaining the necessary information and will forward onto the Nyhart Corporation as soon as they have it.

Chief Whitaker presented renderings of the proposed Burn Building to be erected on the western edge of the District property. He advised that Grant's are scheduled to be awarded on April 30, 2022, and we would have a better idea about financial obligations at the next meeting. DC Hood made the initial presentation to the Building and Zoning Board to begin the approval process with the Village of Glen Carbon.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Whitaker led a discussion on the Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) between the District and Local 1700. He requested the approval of 3 MOU: Shift Bidding, Emergency Call Back, and Non-Emergency staffing for 3rd ambulance. Motion was made by Trustee Schaake, 2nd by Trustee Dunn to approve all 3 MOU's. Motion carries 3 "YES" and 2 "ABSENT."

A discussion was held in regards to the Mcore Foundation utilizing Fire Station #1 to host a Cardiac Screening for teenagers. This would take place in late summer early fall and all proper building usage documents would be completed. Motion made by President Harris, 2nd by Trustee Dunn to allow Mcore Foundation to hold their screenings at the Fire Station. Motion carries 3 "YES" and 2 "ABSENT."

President Harris announced that he will be appointing Mr. Christopher Otto and Mr. Carl Walton as his annual appointments to the pension board.

Chief Whitaker reported on the damage sustained to 1-50' section of 1.75" hose that was sustained at a vehicle fire earlier this month. He advised the hose would be discarded and replaced.

Deputy Chief Hood requested the purchase of 3 additional Unication G5 pagers at a cost of \$2,625.50. Motion made by President Harris, 2nd by Trustee Dunn to approve the purchase. Motion carries 3 “YES” and 2 “ABSENT.”

OTHER: Chief Whitaker reported that FF Colin Boyd was sent his letter advising him that he was no longer a member of the District and he would need to return all District property within 30 days.

CLOSING PUBLIC INPUT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:54 PM, there being no further business, President Harris moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Schaake seconded the motion and it passed 3 “YES” and 2 “ABSENT.”

Submitted By: Luke Harris
Board President

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).