

**VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**May 21, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at the Valley Fire District, located at 5287 Dogwood Drive, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. The following were in attendance.

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>Fire Clerk</b>	<b>Legal Counsel</b>
Amy Anderson, Chair	Chief Riedel	Catherine Anson	Ed Pullekens
Daniel Schneider	Asst. Chief Morehouse		
Richard Slocum	Lt. Packard		

The regular board meeting of the Valley Fire District was called to order by Anderson at 5:30 PM.

**Announcements:**

Anderson offered condolences to the family of Ann Bottenfield Hodge, widow of Ed Hodge and to the family of Bob Brunswick, a founding member of the Boston Town Hall Committee – a great guy who will be missed by our community.

Anderson expressed congratulations to the girls softball team in reaching the district playoffs.

**Approval of Minutes:**

MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve minutes of the April 16, 2018 meeting as corrected. Voting: All Yes. [20180521-01]

**Bank Reconciliation:** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the bank reconciliation. Voting: All Yes [20180521-02]

**Approval of Payroll:** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the payroll. Voting: All Yes [20180521-03]

**Approval for Payment of Bills:** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the payment of bills. Voting: All Yes [20180521-04]

**Business:**

- **Financials**
- **Life Force Closures:** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to accept the closures as noted. Voting: All Yes [20180521-05]
- **Policy Update /Assets Inventory with Maintenance Schedule/Standard Operating Guidelines:** The board returned two sets of comments to the chief.

**REPORTS:**

**Riedel:**

- JC Jones has submitted a quote to replace the door ruined by water damage. The quote is for \$2550. The estimate for the replacement lock is \$130. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the purchase and installation of the new door and lock for not more than \$3,000. Voting: All Yes [20180521-06]
- The toilet system backed up and Downs Septic was called for an emergency fix. The septic system has not been pumped since the station was moved here. The board agreed to have the septic system inspected and pumped.
- The set up for the Memorial Day parade was discussed.
- He continues to pull together information for the opioid lawsuit but we don't have much to submit.
- The new personnel are continuing to progress with their training and should be ready to start work soon.

**Morehouse:**

- Reported on a night-time rescue operation involving a car falling into the canal near Everett Road. On the scene were police and park rangers. Our rescue personnel were in the canal water and mud which was contaminated with oil and gasoline from the car. Two people and a dog were rescued from the wreck. The hazmat cleanup at the scene was handled by the

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park. Our people helped the company the next day to remove the car from the canal since our equipment was already ruined.

**Packard:**

- He's trying to clean off the suits used in the canal rescue but it doesn't look like we'll be able to use them again. Approximately \$2000 worth of one-time use hazmat equipment was used during the rescue including booms to contain the oil/gasoline spill. Combined with the rescue suits, approximately \$10,000 worth of equipment will need to be replaced. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the purchase of replacement equipment for not more than \$12,000. Voting: All Yes **[20180521-07]**
- Over 150 hours of work was contributed for the yard clean up day at the station. As a thank you to the 19 members who worked, the board authorized the purchase of rescue wedges.

**Soblosky reporting for the Valley Firefighters Association:**

- A few touch ups are needed for the Lahoski room renovation and the bathroom is complete except for the shower. The final budget for the renovation will be ready next month.
- The Pancake Breakfast made a little over \$2000.
- Thank you letters were sent out to everyone who sent in a contribution in honor of Barb Morehouse.
- 50 dozen donuts were ordered for Memorial Day.
- They're switching banks from a credit union to Huntington.

**Anderson:**

- Phil from Richfield thanked us for helping with the Presidential visit.

**Ron Fenn, from the Village of Boston Heights:**

- Their Memorial Day celebration will start out at 8:30 with a 21 gun salute by AMVETS. Boston Heights is a Purple Heart Community.

**Executive Session:** MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Schneider, to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. Anson called roll:

Schneider: Yes                      Slocum: Yes                      Anderson: Yes

Motion passed. The trustees entered executive session at 6:29 PM. **[20180521-08]**

MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Schneider, to enter regular session. Anson called roll:

Schneider: Yes                      Slocum: Yes                      Anderson: Yes

Motion passed. The trustees reconvened at 6:42 PM with no action taken during the session. **[20180521-09]**

**Personnel Matters:**

MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to enter into a contract with Reminger Attorneys at Law regarding unemployment issues. Voting: All Yes **[20180521-10]**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Slocum motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Anson, Clerk

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Amy Anderson, Chair