

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

MARCH 15, 2021

The regular meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on **Monday, March 15, 2021** at the Boston Town Hall Meeting Room, 1775 Main Street, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. The following were present with those starred available via Zoom.

BOARD MEMBERS Amy Anderson, Chair Dan Schneider, Sr. Richard Slocum	OFFICERS Chief Riedel* Asst Chief Duber* Captain Packard*	OFFICERS Lt. Moledor* Lt. Sebastian* Lt. Levitt*	FIRE CLERK Catherine Anson LEGAL COUNSEL Al Schrader David Randolph
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The regular board meeting of the Valley Fire District was called to order by Anderson at 5:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve minutes of the **February 15, 2021** regular meeting. Voting: All Yes. [20210315-01]

Approval of Purchase Orders. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the following purchase orders. Voting: All Yes. [20210315-02]

SB NUMBER	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	\$AMOUNT	
26	-2021	1000-110-342-0000	POSTAGE	250.00
27	-2021	1000-290-500-0000	OTHER	5,000.00

Approval of Payroll.

- MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve **Payroll #02 as amended of FEBRUARY 9, 2021**. Voting: All Yes. [20210315-03]
- MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve **Payroll #03 of MARCH 9, 2021**. Voting: All Yes. [20210315-04]

Approval for Payment of Bills. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the payment of bills. Voting: All Yes. [20210315-05]

Business.

- **Life Force Closures:** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the Life Force closures. Voting: All Yes. [20210315-06]
- **Quarterly Salary Hours** report was distributed prior to the meeting.

Reports.

Anderson expressed get well wishes for Police Chief Varga and thanks to John Gordon and Tony Yash for helping the Chief.

Riedel.

- He is continuing to resolve the payment of the Brandywine contract for the 2020/21 ski season. A change in personnel and ownership have contributed to the delay.
- Dustin Davis has submitted his resignation effective March 31, 2021.
- He met with Chief Barnes in Hudson regarding response plans for the construction project along Route 8 and the upcoming closure to the 303 exit.
- He followed up on a conversation Anderson had with Boston Heights Mayor Gony regarding contribution of CARES Act funds to the department. Gony is looking at replacing \$14,000 worth of EMS equipment. Anderson expressed thanks to Boston Heights for the contribution. With both Boston Township and the Village of Boston Heights supporting the department with CARES Acts funds, she requested that Trustee Schneider have Peninsula make a similar donation.
- Following up on a request initiated at the last meeting, he created a list of employees who have certifications to respond to haz mat, water, and other special operations calls. He is proposing that those personnel be paid at \$18 per hour for those calls. Three of the employees will continue to charge their home department for the calls. In response to a question from the officers, those personnel who are on shift at the time should still be paid at the \$18 rate.

MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the \$18 hourly rate for those certified employees attending a special operations call. Voting: All Yes. [20210315-07]

- Officers met with the vendor to confirm the build out of the new tanker. We added approximately \$10,000 more equipment which still puts us under the board approved price.

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Delivery is expected around January/February 2022. When the revised invoice is received from the vendor, he'll submit the paperwork to the board.

- They are working on a vehicle longevity schedule for the capital plan and will have information soon for the board. Remounting the ambulances instead of buying the more expensive and longer-lasting vehicles may result in \$50,000 in savings.
- They are meeting with the radio representative soon and will have more information for the board. Buying the radios earlier than the scheduled plan may be possible with the lower cost.
- Sierra Walton is out on pregnancy leave.

Duber.

- Medic 1 and Engine 2 are out for repair.
- Participating personnel passed the swift water and dive (scuba skill) tests.

Packard.

- Online training is being held with hands-on training to be scheduled for next month.
- Additional training will be held in Hudson and at the airport.
- Paulett is still out.

Moledor.

- Howe Rescue finished the airpack testing with no issues.
- The invoice for bed shakers has been received.
- The replacement hoses ordered in August have finally been delivered.
- In response to a question from Anderson, they are mostly responding to requests for inspections. Full inspections may start up again in April or May.

Sebastian.

- He is working with Dell on government pricing for Word software for the two new computers at \$254.74 each.
- The old UAN computer will be used for training since it has the correct port for the old projector.
- He and Levitt are looking at options and getting quotes for the chassis and will present options to the board.
- Western Reserve, our med control hospital, has been designated as a Level 3 Trauma Center.
- Training has been going well with Zoom with hands-on training soon.

Levitt.

- We're still looking at the remount vs the longer-lasting vehicle and the remount may result in substantial savings.
- He is getting a quote for accountability tags and will write up SOPs for their use.

N. Sternad.

- The association is discussing holding a drive-through pancake breakfast in May and will make a decision soon so that it can be advertised.

Anderson has received a plaque from the Matusz family issued by the department honoring their mother. The plaque will be dropped off at the station.

Schrader. The capital levy paperwork should be started soon. The board agreed to request information on a renewal or replacement levy of 2.5 mil. Schrader suggested opting for the primary election in 2022 for the operating levy.

There being no further business, Slocum motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Anson, Clerk

Amy Anderson, Chair