

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

**MAY 17, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on **Monday, May 17, 2021** at the Valley Fire District, 5287 Dogwood Drive, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. The following were present.

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>FIRE CLERK</b>
Amy Anderson, Chair	Chief Riedel	Lt. Moledor	Catherine Anson
Dan Schneider, Sr.	Asst Chief Duber	Lt. Levitt	<b>LEGAL COUNSEL</b>
Richard Slocum	Captain Packard		Al Schrader

The regular board meeting of the Valley Fire District was called to order by Anderson at 5:32 PM.

**Approval of Minutes.** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve minutes of the **April 19, 2021** regular meeting. Voting: All Yes. [20210517-01]

**Approval of Appropriations Reallocations.** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the following reallocation. Voting: All Yes. [20210517-02]

FUND	NAME	FROM	TO
1000-110-315-0000	General – Election Expenses	(3,500.00)	
1000-110-314-0000	General – Tax Collection Fees		3,500.00

**Approval of Purchase Orders.** (Items at \$2,500 or more must be signed by the board.)  
MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the following purchase orders.  
Voting: All Yes. [20210517-03]

SB NUMBER	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	\$AMOUNT	
44	-2021	4901-760-740-0000	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	2,000.00

**Approval of Bank Reconciliation.** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the bank reconciliation. Voting: All Yes. [20210517-04]

**Approval of Payroll.** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve **Payroll #05 of MAY 4, 2021.** Voting: All Yes. [20210517-05]

**Approval for Payment of Bills.** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the payment of bills. Voting: All Yes. [20210517-06]

**Business.**

- **Life Force Closures.** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the Life Force closures. Voting: All Yes. [20210517-07]
- **Capital Levy Renewal.** The board discussed placing a replacement or a renewal levy on the ballot this November for capital expenses with a concern for the burden on residents. A replacement levy would cost residents an additional \$11 per half year on a \$100,000 property. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider declaring a necessity to levy a replacement tax levy of the ten mil limitation for capital expenses.  
Voting: All Yes. [20210517-L01]  
MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to request the Summit County Fiscal Officer to certify the total current tax valuation of the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Boston Township and the Village of Peninsula and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by that replacement fire levy. Voting: All Yes. [20210517-L02]

**Reports.**

**Riedel.**

- The radios have been delivered.
- Tom Nova has resigned.
- We'll be listing the car on GovDeals. We have 8 lockers that we're not using and would like to sell to Lakemore Fire Department. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to sell the excess lockers at a price to be determined by the Chief. Voting: All Yes. [20210517-08]
- We would like to replace the light fixtures in the garage with LED lighting. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to replace the lighting in the garage at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Voting: All Yes. [20210517-09]
- The officers met regarding the staffing problem, including weekend shifts. Lt. Moledor conducted a survey with staff members. We're working on a few plans to increase applicants for new hires along with plans to increase staffing on weekends. More information will be presented to the board at future meetings.

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**Duber.** Nothing broke this month.

**Packard.**

- **COVID Sick Pay.** Paulett is still out on COVID sick leave but has been helping out around the station. He is at the six-month mark for the board-approved sick pay. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the continuation of COVID sick pay for Paulett for an additional six months. Voting: All Yes. [20210517-10]
- **Kent Training.** Six people have signed up for this training: McVey, Levitt, August, Sebastian, Reynolds, Packard. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve one more person to attend the Kent Training for a total of seven people. Voting: All Yes. [20210517-11]
- **FDIC.** No one is interested in attending the rescheduled FDIC training this year since it is a stripped down version.
- **Brecksville Leadership Academy.** Brecksville is hosting a leadership academy in December. The cost is \$200 per person for three full days. He'll put together a list of interested people for approval at the next meeting.
- They responded to a brush fire this month and returned the next day with a thermal camera to check for hot spots.
- Anderson, following up on the last meeting, thanked Gina Packard for helping out and bringing food to the people working on the brush fires last month.

**Moledor.**

- He sent out a survey request to staff and received 17 responses which were provided to the board at the meeting.
- He received 25 responses to the t-shirt order and Bad Lime has dropped the price for the order based on that amount.
- He is still getting quotes on the gas meter situation since our current meters are being phased out.
- Groves and Gordon will be handling inspections.

**Levitt.**

- He has an order for 28 hats and he is waiting for the bulk price to come in.
- He has ordered the accountability tags for \$694.

**Packard for Sebastian.**

- He ordered the vacuum mattress.
- One AED from the seven that Boston Heights purchased has come in and we are still awaiting the arrival of the others. We will need to purchase protective bags once they are all delivered, looking at roughly \$400 in total cost.
- The inspections by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy went well for both stations and our Med licenses were renewed for 3 years.
- Clean Up Day has been rescheduled due to weather.
- After his last hearing, his worker's comp claim has finally been approved to cover the cost of the surgery. He thanked the board for their continued support throughout the process the last four years.

**Packard, reporting for the Association.**

- The Association will meet this week after training to discuss fundraisers. The pancake breakfast may still be held.

**Anderson.**

- She sent letters to Peninsula with a request for two possible items to be purchased with COVID funds. The council didn't say no and will consider a purchase with the new round of COVID funding. Riedel would prioritize the purchase of the thermal camera.
- She has been working on several lines of inquiry and Valley may receive their own funding.
- She noted that Schneider will be celebrating a milestone birthday on May 28.

There being no further business, Slocum motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Anson, Clerk

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Amy Anderson, Chair