

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

JUNE 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on **Monday, June 21, 2021** at the Valley Fire District, 5287 Dogwood Drive, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. The following were present.

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

The regular board meeting of the Valley Fire District was called to order by Anderson at 5:32 PM. Anderson passed along greetings from Ed Pullekens and she thanked the Chief, Joe McVey, and Jay Skolnik for helping out with the parade for the Woodridge Track and Field Division II Champions.

Approval of Minutes. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve minutes of the **May 17, 2021** regular meeting. Voting: All Yes. **[20210621-01]**

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. **[20210621-02]**

| SB NUMBER | ACCOUNT | ACCOUNT NAME | \$AMOUNT | |
|-----------|---------|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| 45 | -2021 | 4901-760-323-0000 | CAPITAL REPAIR | 5,000.00 |
| 46 | -2021 | 1000-220-341-0000 | TELEPHONE | 1,000.00 |

Approval of Bank Reconciliation. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the bank reconciliation. Voting: All Yes. **[20210621-02]**

Approval of Payroll. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve **Payroll #06 of JUNE 1, 2021**. Voting: All Yes. **[20210621-03]**

Approval for Payment of Bills. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the payment of bills. Voting: All Yes. **[20210621-04]**

Business.

- **Life Force Closures.** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the Life Force closures. Voting: All Yes. **[20210621-05]**
- **Capital Levy Renewal.** The board revisited the levy resolutions approved last month and re-approved them to ensure the November 2, 2021 election date was included in the full wording of the resolution. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider declaring a necessity to levy a replacement tax levy of the ten mil limitation for expenses.
Voting: All Yes. **[20210621-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. **[20210621-L02]**
- **Possible Pay Raise for EMT/Paramedic Hourly Rates.** The board discussed raising the pay rates for EMT and Paramedic hours with preliminary information provided by the Chief and Clerk. With the push back from residents regarding real estate tax increases, some of the amount previously collected may be credited back reducing our projected income for this year. The board tabled the discussion for a later date.
- **Juneteenth.** MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Slocum to approve Juneteenth as a holiday on June 19 of each year, retroactive to this past June 19. Voting: All Yes. **[20210621-06]**
- **SOGs.** Anderson asked for an update on the SOGs. The officers indicated that they were almost ready to roll them out. The officers will submit the completed SOGs to the board before the next meeting.
- **New Sign.** Anderson had a new sign made for use in training and for other announcements.

Reports.

Riedel.

- He has ordered "Now Hiring" signs for both stations. Anderson stated the information was also listed in the West Side Leader and The Community News.
- The officers would like to hire Morgan Powers as an EMT/Firefighter. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the hire. Voting: All Yes. **[20210621-07]**
- The officers would like to hire Jack Pitzen as an EMT/Firefighter. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the hire. Voting: All Yes. **[20210621-08]**

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- The new LED lighting has been installed in the garage and uses ½ the wattage.
- The new radios are in. The old radios will need a software upgrade.
- He is still working on the sale of the lockers.
- A Peninsula house caught fire with Yash and McVey responding. Support was provided by Richfield, Bath, and Hudson. The fire started in the kitchen and the house was saved.
- We'll be helping out with the Hudson fireworks on the fourth as usual.
- He updated the board on building plans for Boston Heights.

Duber.

- Nothing broke this month.
- He is still working with the graphics company to finish off the new graphics update. Two trucks remain to be scheduled.
- Dive training is happening this Thursday.

Packard.

- Thirteen people helped out on Clean Up Day with the two people on duty. Burgers and dogs were served. Anderson stated that the sign at the end of the driveway was nicely landscaped.
- We will be receiving rope from the county and we'll have training on this at the end of the month. Thanks goes to Richard Smith for helping with this.
- Regular in-house training will be scheduled for July and August.
- We had six people sign up for the training approved last month and no one interested in attending FDIC this year. The burn trailer will be in town for four days in October.

Moledor.

- He is looking at software to provide alerts on the phones which may save some funds by replacing another program.
- FireForce has a replacement gas meter for \$297 and he recommends this option. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the purchase. Voting: All Yes. [20210621-09]
- Gordon has handled over 20 inspections while Groves has been busy with hazmat items.

Sebastian.

- We're still waiting for the other six ADs to come in before purchasing storage bags.
- Training at the hospital is scheduled for July, August, and September.
- The EMS grant information is due July 1. He has plans for airway suction units at a cost of approximately \$800. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the purchase of the units. Voting: All Yes. [20210621-10]

Levitt.

- He has an order for 28 hats with a total cost of \$800 and cost to the department of \$750.
- Fire hydrant testing will be completed by July 31.
- The accountability tags were already put to use twice, including the call to Richfield.

Packard, reporting for the Association.

- A BBQ, open to the public, is planned for August 14, and will be used as a fundraiser.
- The pancake breakfast may be held in October.

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

Anderson. Yes Slocum. Yes Schneider. Yes

Motion passed. The trustees entered executive session at 6:44 PM. [20210621-11]

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

Anderson. Yes Slocum. Yes Schneider. Yes

Motion passed. The trustees reconvened at 7:09 PM with no action taken during the session. [20210621-12]

There being no further business, Slocum motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Anson, Clerk

Amy Anderson, Chair