

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

JULY 19, 2021

The regular meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on **Monday, July 19, 2021** at the Valley Fire District, 5287 Dogwood Drive, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. The following were present.

BOARD MEMBERS	OFFICERS	OFFICERS	FIRE CLERK
Amy Anderson, Chair		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.

Approval of Minutes. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve minutes of the **June 21, 2021** regular meeting. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-01]**

Approval of Reallocations: MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the following reallocations. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-02]**

FUND	NAME	FROM	TO
1000-220-311-0000	LEGAL FEES	(3,500.00}	
1000-110-212-0000	SOCIAL SECURITY	(100.00)	
1000-110-112-0000	CLERK SALARY		1,120.00
1000-110-211-0000	OPERS		300.00
1000-110-213-0000	MEDICARE		100.00
1000-290-500-0000	OTHER (DUES, DISTILATA, CABLE)		2,080.00

Approval of Purchase Orders. (Items at \$2,500 or more are signed by the board.) MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the purchase orders. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-03]**

SB NUMBER	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	\$AMOUNT
47 2021	VOID		
48 2021	4901-760-740-0000	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	\$5,000.00

Approval of Bank Reconciliation. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the bank reconciliation. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-04]**

Approval of Payroll. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve **Payroll #07 of JUNE 24, 2021**. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-05]**

Approval for Payment of Bills. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the payment of bills. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-06]**

Business.

- **Capital Levy Renewal.** Schrader presented new information to the board regarding state requirements for placing levies on the ballot. An emergency meeting will be held on July 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM at Station 1 to discuss the next steps in the levy process. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider repeal all recent levy resolutions. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-L01]**
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. **[20210719-L02]**
- **Quarterly Shift Hours.** The report of quarterly shift hours was distributed and reviewed.
- **SOGs.** The officers are slowly rolling out the SOGs and will provide a copy to the board.
- **NOPEC Preferred Pricing for Electricity.** The board reviewed two options provided by NOPEC for government entities. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to accept the 36-month contract at \$0.0471 per kilowatt hour. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-07]**
- **Zoom Membership Renewal.** The officers can use Zoom for training and the board recommended the purchase of the suitable camera and speaker equipment with help from Slocum. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to renew the membership for a year. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-82]**
MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to purchase speakers and camera at a cost of no more than \$500. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-09]**

Reports.

Anderson, commenting on Riedel's report.

- The older radios need software upgrades at an estimated cost of \$3,600. Some radios may be too old to handle the upgrade. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the software upgrade. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-10]**

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Duber.

- The two new hires are currently completing their physicals and we've received applications in response to the Facebook ad and the New Hire sign. Currently 8 people will be interviewed in August, with a 50/50 split between EMTs and Paramedics.
- Medic 3 and Car 1 are currently under repair.
- We handled one remarkable case recently: a 23 year old female fell off a trail onto rocks and was life-flighted to the hospital.
- With Car 1 out of service, we would like to have a vehicle capable of towing the trailer. The request will be considered when Car 1 is due to be replaced according to the capital plan or if a catastrophic failure occurs.

Packard.

- Steve Kamp is the new fire chief of Grainger and Paulett has been cleared to return to duty.
- The new hires will be attending the upcoming training.
- Gordon requests coverage for an arson training opportunity in Cincinnati at a cost of \$95 for the class and \$205.28 for the hotel. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the cost of the training as requested. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-11]**
- Duber is holding water rescue classes and Joe McVey and Scott Reynolds would like to attend three classes (Night Dive, Navigation, Search & Recovery) at a cost of \$300 per diver per class for a total of \$1,800. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the cost of the training as requested. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-12]**
- Anderson thanked Duber for all his work on dive rescue.
- Macedonia is looking to do training with us with the NPS also in attendance. Richard Smith will help him plan the two day training.
- Advance Wilderness Life Support is offering training again this year and the board usually approves two people to attend the three day training at \$450 per person. Last year we paid for two registrations and got an additional one free. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the cost of the training as requested. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-13]**
- He recently attended the Ohio Fire Chiefs conference and won a \$500 rescue kit which will be placed in one of the squads. He has contacted two companies for a matching kit for the second squad at an estimated cost of not more than \$500. Both are Ohio companies so no shipping costs would apply. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the cost of the purchase as requested. Voting: All Yes. **[20210719-14]**
- The National Park and the county will be holding a training opportunity on August 5.
- Anderson reported that Ohio Fire Chiefs Association presented Duber an award for demonstrating a high degree of professionalism. The board congratulated him on the recognition.

Moledor.

- The gas meter was repaired and put into use almost immediately on a call at 2:30 in the morning. The family was evacuated for the night pending a repair service.
- 8 inspections were completed this month and building plan reviews are being done. When completed, the plans will be upload to Active Alert of use on calls.
- He mentioned the purchase of a pick up truck for the car in repair. Scott Duber replied that we have enough other vehicles that could tow what was needed. He also said in a pinch personal trucks could be used.

Sebastian.

- The six AEDs have finally arrived but he is still waiting on carriers. The WIFI at Station 2 will need to be upgraded to connect with the units. Slocum will consult with Matt Padrutt for recommendations. The recommendations will be reviewed at the emergency meeting on July 27 and the public notice will reflect the levy and equipment issues.
- The EMS grant was awarded and he will start planning purchases under the award.

Levitt.

- Hydrants are being tested and hose testing will be held in August.
- The department may be on call for filming being done on the boy scout camp. The company will be billed using FEMA rates.

There being no further business, Slocum motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Anson, Clerk

Amy Anderson, Chair