

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

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on **Monday, September 20, 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	Chief Riedel	Lt. Moledor	Catherine Anson
Dan Schneider, Sr.	Asst Chief Duber	Lt. Sebastian	LEGAL COUNSEL
Richard Slocum	Capt. Packard	Lt. Levitt	Al Schrader

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 **August 16, 2021** regular meeting. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-01]**

Approval of Reallocations. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the reallocations. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-02]**

FUND	NAME	FROM	TO
1000-110-314-0000	General-Tax Collection		645.00
1000-110-315-0000	Election Expenses	(500.00)	
1000-110-312-0000	Auditing Services	(145.00)	

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. **[20210920-03]**

SB NUMBER	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	\$AMOUNT
52	2021	1000-220-323-0000	Repairs & Maintenance
			3,900.00
53	2021	1000-110-353-0000	Natural Gas
			500.00
54	2021	1000-110-351-0000	Electricity
			1,000.00
55	2021	1000-220-420-0000	Operating Supplies
			3,000.00
REG PO	VENDOR	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME
04	-2021	HANS FREIGHTLINER	1000-220-323-0000
			MAINTENANCE
			3,770.27

Approval of Bank Reconciliation. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the bank reconciliation. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-04]**

Approval of Payroll. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve **Payroll #09 of August 24, 2021**. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-05]**

MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve **Payroll #10 of September 21, 2021**. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-06]**

Approval for Payment of Bills. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the payment of bills. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-07]**

Business.

- **Dispatch Agreement.** The board reviewed the two dispatch agreements prior to the meeting. Peninsula has already agreed to the Hudson agreement. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the three-year Hudson Dispatch agreement with services to start January 1, 2022. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-C01]**
- **2022 Budget:** Motion to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission, and to authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the county fiscal officer. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-08]**
- **2022-23 Audit:** Motion to approve the agreement for auditing services with Charles Harris at a cost of \$4,500 and then \$4,650 for the next two audits. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-09]**

Reports.

Riedel.

- He proposed working with Great Lakes Petroleum to install above-ground 500-gallon gas tanks and to provide both regular and diesel fuel. The tanks will also be used by the Peninsula Police and Road Departments. Meters will be installed for billing purposes. Our lease agreement is silent on this installation and will be allowable. Local agencies already use Great Lakes for fuel services. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the plan to work with Great Lakes. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-10]**
- Our records management system has been bought out by another vendor and we're waiting to see how this will affect our use of the system.

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- Engine 1 will be pump-tested and then out for repair.
- He is working with the ski resort on providing services for the 2022 ski season at an increased cost due to recent raises and additional holidays.
- The department will be helping out at the Woodridge Cross-Country event on October 2, events for Boston Heights held at Station 2 on October 23 and November 6; and Halloween night in Peninsula from 6 to 8 PM. Boston Heights is not holding their Santa event this year but the department will be helping with the Boston Township Santa delivery.

Duber.

- Three vehicles are out for repair: the refurbished computer for Car 1 failed; the brakes failed on Medic 3; Engine 3 has electric problems.
- We've hired 7 new employees and they are in various stages of completing training. Morgan Powers will be on regular shift soon.
- The first diver class has been completed with two more to go.

Packard.

- Reynolds passed his paramedic test and will move up next month.
- Lots of training happened this past month and everyone has exceeded the mandatory training requirement.
 - Fire Lab: 3-day event with 5 cities attending, 26 students
 - Pilot Training: 2-day event, 8 members
 - H2O Class: 7 members
 - Officer training: 46 hour class
 - Fire Doesn't Care: 5-day class, 9 members, 1 trainee
 - New member training
 - AWLS: 2 members
 - TECC: 10 members
 - Water Shuttle/Tender Training: 6 members
- Rope Training is scheduled for next month with Macedonia, Valley, and NPS.
- We've still had to fill holes in the schedule at the last minute and Morgan is close to taking on shift duty.
- Ryan Zapora has requested help to cover two training opportunities: a fire inspector class at \$675 and a safety officer class at \$200 with the understanding that he will continue to work at the department for two year or pay back the tuition. So far, we haven't had anyone fail to stay with the department for the required time. MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Schneider to approve cost of the two classes for Zapora. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-11]**
- There may be a leadership training opportunity coming up in December at a cost of \$250 per person. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve up to five people to attend the class if held. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-12]**

Moledor.

- Eighteen inspections have been done since last time.
- A Knox box will be installed for the new nursing home in Boston Heights.
- The shirts from Bad Lime will be delivered soon after COVID related delays. Given the delays, the board suggested ordering more shirts now for new hires and to have on hand for replacements. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve up to \$2,000 for new shirts. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-13]**
- He is working with Draeger on the SCBE upgrades.
- He expressed thanks to Macedonia for their mutual aid on the rollover accident.

Sebastian.

- He requested the purchase of disposables for use with monitors; in the future, Akron Children's Hospital may provide supplies. Part of the cost can be applied to the EMS grant. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve \$1407 for the purchase of the supplies. Voting: All Yes. **[20210920-14]**
- The WIFI upgrades for Station 2 are in but have not been installed. Slocum will make arrangements with Mr. Padrutt for the install. The board expressed thanks to Padrutt for his help with this project. Slocum purchased the equipment but due to shortages, he ran slightly over the amount previously approved. MOTION by Schneider, seconded by Anderson to approve the purchase of the equipment for the WIFI upgrade at Station 2 at an additional \$200. Voting: Yes by Schneider and Anderson. Slocum abstained. **[20210920-15]**

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Levitt.

- Tanker graphics have been sent to Sutphin.
- Pump and ladder testing by WW Williams is expected to cost \$990.

Schrader.

- He will notify Richfield by October 1 that we will terminate the dispatch agreement with them for 2022.

Association.

- The Association has agreed to help pay for the mailing of the levy literature. Anderson will review the list to eliminate duplicates.

Anderson

- She recently attended a meeting with Bath Township. Our 1 mil levy will bring in \$52,000. The 1 mil levy in Bath will bring in \$565,000 for them which illustrates the problem for small districts to leverage funds in comparison to larger districts.
- Peninsula won't be distributing any of the America Rescue Funds to us and Boston Township will be using their funds for the Route 8 business district project. The funds were based on population.
- She is in talks with the new park superintendent for help with projects. She has another meeting scheduled for this Thursday and asked the officers to anticipate future needs. Items currently on the list are: a pick up truck, new roof, new driveway.

Ryan Zapora thanked the board for covering the cost of his requested training.

There being no further business, Slocum motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Anson, Clerk

Amy Anderson, Chair