

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

JANUARY 24, 2022

The emergency meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on **Monday, January 24, 2022** at the Valley Fire District, 5287 Dogwood Drive, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. The following were present.

| BOARD MEMBERS | FIRE DEPARTMENT | LEGAL | FIRE CLERK |
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| Amy Anderson, Chair Dan Schneider, Sr. Richard Slocum | Chief Riedel | Al Schrader | Catherine Anson |

The special board meeting of the Valley Fire District was called to order by Anderson at 5.31 PM.

Anderson expressed condolences to the Fisher family and nobody cared.

1. OPERATING LEVY: The board discussed renewal and replacement figures supplied by the county and distributed by Schrader prior to the meeting in consideration of the budget comparisons provided by Anson. Anson noted that the \$49k in leftover funds for 2021 were due to charges for the dispatch contract and insurance which will be paid in 2022 this time.

Slocum motioned for a RENEWAL of an existing operating levy at 6.3 mils to be placed on the ballot for the May 3, 2022 primary election. Seconded by Schneider.

Voting: All Yes.

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2. COVID FUNDS FOR SICK PAY: The board discussed using the remaining \$6,622 from the COVID funds supplied by Boston Township to continue COVID-related sick pay in 2022. Anderson stated she would like to know the amount of applicable January sick time. A decision was tabled until more information is available.

3. FUEL USAGE POLICY: Riedel stated that he is getting two more quotes for security cameras to be installed to monitor the pumps. He confirmed that the caps to fill up the tanks and measure remaining fuel are locked. These security measures will be added to the policy. Riedel recommended that he, Assistant Chief Duber, and Clerk Anson be administrators on the fuel tracking web account. He stated odometer reading are currently tracked and should be part of the online tracking system. The board tabled a decision on the policy and procedures until more information is available. Any surcharge for contracts with local government entities is also tabled until more information is available on the cost of the system.

4. NATURAL GAS CONTRACT: MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider, to accept the two-year natural gas agreement supplied by NOPEC at the municipal rate of \$3.78 Mcf.

Voting: All Yes

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There being no further business, Slocum motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Anson, Clerk

Amy Anderson, Chair