

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

JULY 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on **Monday, July 18, 2022** at the Valley Fire District, 5287 Dogwood Drive, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. The following were present.

BOARD MEMBERS Amy Anderson Dan Schneider, Sr. Richard Slocum	OFFICERS Chief Riedel	OFFICERS Lt. Sebastian Lt. Levitt	FIRE CLERK Catherine Anson LEGAL COUNSEL Al Schrader
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The regular board meeting of the Valley Fire District was called to order by Anderson at 5:36 PM.

Anderson announced the passing of Mr. Hower from Bath.

Approval of Minutes.

MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve minutes of the **June 20, 2022** regular meeting. Voting: All Yes. [20220718-01]

MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve minutes of the **June 27, 2022** special meeting with changes as presented by Slocum.

Voting: Slocum and Schneider: Yes. Anderson: No. [20220718-02]

MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve minutes of the **June 29, 2022** special meeting. Voting: All Yes. [20220718-03]

Supplemental Appropriations. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the supplemental appropriations. Voting: All Yes. [20220718-04]

FUND	NAME	ADDITIONAL
4901-760-740-0000	CAPITAL: Equipment	40,000.00

Appropriations Reallocation: MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the reallocations as listed below. Voting: All Yes. [20220718-05]

- **Transfer of all funds from Capital Outlay to Capital Principal Payments in response to auditor findings.**

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. [20220718-06]

SB NUMBER	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	\$AMOUNT	
56	-2022	1000-220-420-0000	GENERAL: OPERATING SUPPLIES	9,000.00
57	-2022	4901-760-323-0000	CAPITAL: REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	5,000.00
58	-2022	4901-760-740-0000	CAPITAL: MACHINERY	10,000.00
59	-2022	1000-220-323-0000	GENERAL: REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	6,000.00
60	-2022	1000-110-500-0000	GENERAL: ADMIN-OTHER	5,000.00
61	-2022	1000-220-590-0000	GENERAL: OTHER	5,000.00

Financials and Approval of Bank Reconciliation. Slocum mentioned the possibility of additional funds needed for Fuel; the clerk will work up a projected cost and corresponding share by Peninsula. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the bank reconciliation. Voting: All Yes. [20220718-07]

Approval of Payroll. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve **Payroll #7 of June 28, 2022**. Voting: All Yes. [20220718-08]

Approval for Payment of Bills. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the payment of bills. Voting: All Yes. [20220718-09]

Life Force Closures. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the Life Force Closures. Voting: All Yes. [20220718-10]

Station Staffing. The board reviewed the preliminary information on the cost of adding full-time employees. The clerk will revise the data as directed. Riedel mentioned the SAFER grant which provides salary and turnout gear for new positions with the expectation that the position will become permanently covered by the district.

Reports.

Riedel.

- The \$12,000 electric fans have been installed. The clerk will bill Peninsula who have agreed to the purchase.

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- Most of the applicants for firefighter positions have had certifications but no experience.

Riedel for Duber.

- Medic 3 is in for repair.
- He is continuing to work on the mutual aid system.

Riedel for Packard.

- The scheduling continues to be a challenge.
- Four members have signed up for NOTS training.
- Training with a diving simulator will be held in Hudson.
- Members attended the Peninsula street festival.
- Anderson expressed get well wishes for Gina.

Levitt for Moledor.

- Two inspections were completed this month.
- He has a sample polo shirt and will have it embroidered. He is getting a quote from one company. Anderson suggested another company to consider.
- An SCBA mask malfunctioned and will be repaired. One mask was missed during a recent inspection and will be evaluated.

Sebastian.

- Medic 2 cot loading system is installed and Boston Heights will be billed for the amount as agreed.
- The Stryker maintenance contract for two LifePak monitors and two Lucas devices has been received. The annual discounted cost of the three-year contract is \$5,827.60.
- The ESMER maintenance contract is on hold.

Levitt.

- Hydrant inspections are just about done.
- Hose testing will be complete by October.
- He is working on fluid for the squads but does not want to stockpile because of expiration dates.

Schrader.

- Following up on task set for Randolph at the last meeting, if the Valley Fire District is dissolved, the township still has an obligation to provide fire and EMS services for its residents.
- They are still researching charging for services.

Slocum.

Because of the concern raised over procedures, he suggested correcting the minutes of the May 16 meeting to capture the discussion on paying shift time to those representing the department at the Memorial Day parade. Discussion among those present covered the following items with answers provided by Schrader:

- Should allowing pay for parade time be done by a resolution and captured after the fact? Yes, there should be a motion on Pay for Parade Time because it was a departure from current practice; that is done as a "Now for Then" resolution. While Schrader did not attend the May meeting, Randolph indicated he did not see any red flags with the Parade discussion.
- Does this affect future Memorial Day Parades or any other volunteer activity usually covered by the Association? No, it doesn't affect any future events because the Board would need to vote on that. Anderson stated that if pay was requested for the Township's Save-A-Christmas event, she would seek other help.
- Schrader recommends that the board should set parameters for future events such as the amount of pay, number of people, and hours permitted.
- Schrader mentioned to the assembled firemen that in his opinion, the levies had passed with such great margins, not only because people are happy with the service, but also because they appreciate that the fire personnel have become active in the community. As a result, we should give more thought to contributing time and resources of the Fire District to maintain such a high regard among the citizens and whether we should pay for particular events that were in the past volunteer.

Pay for Parade Time: MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve as a Now for Then Resolution paying as shift work employees working at the Memorial Day Parades. Voting: Slocum and Schneider: Yes. Anderson: Abstained.

[20220718-11]

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Correction to Minutes: MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to correct the minutes of the regular meeting of May 16 to capture the discussion on payment for parade duty as follows:

During the Chief's report, Riedel indicated that he was unable to get many if any volunteers to attend the Memorial Day events and that he felt the only way to get attendance was to make it a paid event. Board members Slocum and Schneider discussed and agreed to pay staff for the time and asked the Chief if he thought there needed a board resolution for this. Riedel responded that he felt it was a "staffing issue" within his authority. Hearing no objection from the lawyer, Slocum and Schneider let the matter stand without a resolution.

Voting: Slocum and Schneider: Yes. Anderson: Abstained.

[20220718-12]

Anderson.

- The next meeting with the park is scheduled for August.
- The Township hosted local townships last Wednesday. The meeting was well attended.
- She is researching other areas to host Memorial Day services in Boston Township next year.
- She thanked Ron Fenn for the Boston Heights support.

Schneider.

- Birthday wishes go out to Marge Morgan on her 100th birthday.

There being no further business, Slocum motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Anson, Clerk

Amy Anderson, Chair