

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

**April 17, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on **Monday, April 17, 2023** at the Valley Fire District, 5287 Dogwood Drive, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. The following were present.

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>OFFICERS</b>	<b>FIRE CLERK</b>
Amy Anderson	Chief Riedel	Lt. Moledor	Catherine Anson
Richard Slocum	Asst Chief Duber	Lt. Sebastian	<b>LEGAL COUNSEL</b>
Dan Schneider, Sr		Lt. Levitt	Al Schrader

The regular board meeting of the Valley Fire District was called to order by Anderson at 5:30 PM.

**Announcements.** Anderson announced the following:

- Long-time resident Joan Flory passed away.
- Former Valley Fire clerk and longtime resident Nancy Orahoske also passed away.

**Approval of Minutes.**

MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve minutes of the **March 20,2023** regular meeting. Voting: All Yes. **[20230417-01]**

**Appropriations Reallocation:** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the reallocations. Voting: All Yes. **[20230417-02]**

FUND	NAME	FROM	TO
1000-220-100-0000	Salaries	15,000.00	
1000-220-212-0000	Social Security		(10,000.00)
1000-220-213-0000	Federal Tax		(5,000.00)

**Financials and Approval of Bank Reconciliation.** Delayed this month due to computer problems.

**Approval of Payroll.** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve **Payroll #4 of April 4, 2023**. Voting: All Yes. **[20230417-03]**

**Approval for Payment of Bills.** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the payment of bills. Voting: All Yes. **[20230417-04]**

**Other Business.**

**1. Life Force Closures.** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the Life Force closures. Voting: All Yes. **[20230417-05]**

**2. Sternad Contract.** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the contract agreement with Nick Sternad whereby Valley Fire pays for his paramedic schooling. Voting: All Yes. **[20230417-06]**

**3. Bids for the Air System.** Only one bid was received for the air system. The sealed bid from Breathing Air Systems was opened at the meeting. The board and Assistant Chief Duber briefly discussed the bid for the air compressor system. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve accept the bid from Breathing Air Systems at \$69,999.25. Voting: All Yes. **[20230417-07]**

**Reports.**

**Riedel.**

- Claire Schram requested a one-month leave of absence to complete training for a full-time position. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the leave. Voting: All Yes. **[20230417-08]**
- The air compressor on Engine 2 was repaired.
- The group is continuing to update the Lexipol material.
- We handled a small fire over the weekend.
- Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday.

**Duber.**

- The phone on Engine 2 is malfunctioning.
- Kapsandy is in Rope 1 class and will start swift water training soon.
- He presented two quotes for turnout gear. The board reviewed the quotes. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the quote from Municipal Emergency Systems for \$38,500. Voting: All Yes. **[20230417-09]**

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- He recommended the hiring of paramedic Jennifer Lanza. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to hire Lanza. Voting: All Yes. **[20230417-10]**

**Packard.**

- The scheduling has been working good.
- Zapora will be going on FMLA from May 27 to July 8.
- Skolnik will be going on FMLA from June 2 to June 30.
- Gordon is expected to be out on medical leave in October.
- Training has been scheduled at the Girl Scout Camp next month.

**Moledor.**

- There were 22 inspections since the last report.
- The small masks are now in service. The new Keurig has been received and is in use.
- He received three quotes on mattresses for Station 2. The purchase was tabled.

**Sebastian.**

- Fire extinguishers have been serviced at Station 1 with a few pending.
- Joint training will be held in Fairlawn.
- The EMS SOPs are being added to Lexipol.

**Levitt.**

- 15 people attended the HazMat training under the PUCO grant. Lunch was donated by the Western Reserve Hospital. Thanks go to Boston Township for the use of their meeting room.

**Sternad.**

- The signs are up for the pancake breakfast.

**Schneider.**

MOTION to pay personnel for attending the Memorial Day activities, second by Slocum. A discussion followed. AMENDED MOTION: to pay up to 8 people for no more than 6 hours to attend Memorial Day activities representing the District. Voting: Schneider and Slocum: Yes. Anderson: No. Motion passed. **[20230417-11]**

**Slocum.**

- He will follow up with Padrutt to install the new WIFI system at Station 1.

**Executive Session.** MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Slocum, to enter executive session to discuss personnel issues (with Riedel and Levitt) and pending litigation (with Riedel). Anson called roll.

Anderson. Yes                      Slocum. Yes                      Schneider. Yes

Motion passed. The trustees entered executive session at 6:27 PM. **[20230417-12]**

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

Anderson. Yes                      Slocum. Yes                      Schneider. Yes

Motion passed. The trustees reconvened at 6:54 PM with no action taken during the session. **[20230417-13]**

There being no further business, Slocum moved to adjourn at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Anson, Clerk

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Amy Anderson, Chair