

VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

July 17, 2023

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

BOARD MEMBERS	OFFICERS	OFFICERS	FIRE CLERK
Amy Anderson	Chief Riedel	Lt. Moledor	Catherine Anson
Richard Slocum		Lt. Sebastian	LEGAL COUNSEL
Dan Schneider, Sr		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 19, 2023** regular meeting. Voting: All Yes. [20230717-01]

Financials and Approval of Bank Reconciliation. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the bank reconciliation. Voting: All Yes. [20230717-02]

Approval of Payroll. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve **Payroll #7 of June 27, 2023**. Voting: All Yes. [20230717-03]

Approval for Payment of Bills. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the payment of bills. Voting: All Yes. [20230717-04]

Other Business.

- **Review of Rates.** Discussion tabled until next month.
- **STAR Ohio Authorization Form:** Anderson was added to the account as a second signer. Slocum signed as the certifying official.

Reports. Some officer reports were distributed to the board prior to the meeting by the Chief. Anderson reminded the officers that reports must be submitted to the Chief in writing by the Friday before the board meeting.

Riedel.

- The Lexipol policies and procedures are completed. Policies will be released to the board for their approval.
- The radio updates to the software are in and will be applied to 23 of 46 radios in August.
- The EMS grant was awarded to us. These grants are funded through seatbelt violation fines.

Riedel for Duber.

- Three sets of gear need to be ordered, two of which are for the new hires. He talked to Anderson about the purchase, the total of which was still under the amount previously approved by the board.
- Physicals are completed for two new hires and employment packets are in process.

Riedel for Packard.

- He has set up the new hires for initial training.
- There are still holes in the schedule. Because of the continued difficulty, some personnel may log overtime.

Moledor.

- 22 inspections were done since the last report.
- He has been working with one of the new hires with positive results.
- He will be asking for funds for clothing soon since some sizes have all been assigned.
- He is meeting with a clothing vendor tomorrow.

Sebastian.

- MES was out to recharge and repair two extinguishers.
- We were awarded the EMS grant in the amount of \$750; as in previous years it continues to be less and less.

Levitt.

- No news on the ambulance yet. The salesperson should get back to him soon.
- Pump and ladder testing is due. Hose testing is delayed by the vendor until next year.

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Sternad, for the Association.

- Tickets are being sold for the fundraising event. Anderson reported that she has been soliciting items/funds for the event and Kimble has recently agreed to a donation. The event will be listed in the Community News.

Anderson.

- In discussions with the Peninsula Police Chief and Riedel, the National Park has not been responding to incidents in the park due to lack of personnel. Schrader has been asked to investigate ,on behalf of the Township and Valley Fire, charging fees to the park for police and fire/EMS services. Township property taxes are expected to increase by 38.2%.

Slocum.

- He will not be able to attend the October meeting.

There being no further business, Slocum moved to adjourn at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Anson, Clerk

Amy Anderson, Chair