

VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

August 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on **Monday, August 21, 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. Sebastian	Catherine Anson
Richard Slocum	Asst. Chief Duber		LEGAL COUNSEL
Dan Schneider, Sr			David Randolph

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 **July 17, 2023** regular meeting. Voting: All Yes. [20230821-01]

Financials and Approval of Bank Reconciliation. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the bank reconciliation. Voting: All Yes. [20230821-02]

Approval of Payroll. 8

MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve **Payroll #8 of July 25, 2023**. Voting: All Yes. [20230821-03]

MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve **Payroll #9 of August 22, 2023**. Voting: All Yes. [20230821-04]

Approval for Payment of Bills. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the payment of bills. Voting: All Yes. [20230821-05]

Other Business.

- **Life Force Closures.** MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the Life Force closures. Voting: All Yes. [20230821-06]
- **Review of Rates.** The rates for EMS services were reviewed in comparison to other local rates. Since only one of the rates was recommended for increase, the increase was tabled until November for a January implementation of new rates. Anderson noted that it is possible to assess the National Park and the Metropark for calls. Riedel will prepare recommendations on billing whether by a flat rate or variable and will take into account the number of people on a call and supplies and equipment used. He will base figures on the federally approved FEMA schedule of rates.

Reports.

Riedel.

- The two new members are continuing their on-boarding process.
- Slocum and Padrutt have completed the camera and Wi-Fi install at Station 1.
- The Fairview Cemetery Association have donated folding tables to the department.
- Brian Schall and Scott Reynolds have both resigned due to work and family obligations.
- The electric service for the air compressor has been installed and we are awaiting delivery of the compressor.
- Motorola has shipped the software upgrades to us to be installed on older radios.
- He will be out-of-town September 2nd through the 16th.
- Anthony Rothgery would like to return from his leave of absence. MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Slocum to approve the return. Voting: All Yes. [20230821-07]

Duber.

- The two new personnel have started orientation training.
- The new turnout gear from the first order is being distributed and the second order has been placed. Gear is being modified for new personnel.
- Medic 1 and Medic 3 are being repaired. Car 2 had new brakes installed.

Riedel for Packard.

- He thanked everyone who help fill the shifts and noted that there are still almost 40 open shifts for the next month.
- Monthly training was cancelled due to summer low attendance.
- He attended the Ohio Fire Chiefs Conference in Columbus for week-long leadership training.
- Members attended a free rescue task force training and active shooter training in Macedonia.

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

August 21, 2023

- Kapsandy would like to take additional training. Anderson questioned if he is still on probation as a new full-time hire and whether he was actively looking for other jobs. Kapsandy responded that he did file an application with another department. The officers noted that some of his requests were denied. While he is on probation and his commitment to the department is in question, outside training requests will not be approved.
- Gordon would like to take a fire investigator class in Columbus in November at a cost of \$110. MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Slocum to approve the training.
Voting: All Yes. **[20230821-08]**
- He is working on training days for first aid, CPR/AED for local police officers and reserves.
- He will be out of town at the end of September.

Riedel for Moledor.

- 12 inspections were done since the last meeting.
- Gas for the four gas meters were ordered and have arrived.
- He is looking at pricing for more T-shirts and will provide information to the board later.

Riedel for Levitt.

- He was finally able to get additional information on the new squad. A VIN number was not assigned because a chassis was not available. After some pushback, the company found a chassis at a slightly increase in price and we are now on order.
- Since the new squad will be delivered at a later date, they would like to install the new motorized cot loading system in one of the old squads at a cost of \$2100. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the install. Voting: All Yes. **[20230821-09]**

Sebastian.

- A higher than normal amount of EMS supplies were purchased in the last month due to a large amount of expired supplies and equipment being lost or damaged. Some of the equipment can be reimbursed through the recent EMS grant.

Sebastian for the Association.

- Tickets are still being sold for the event.

Randolph.

- His office can have Jamie Parker, an HR specialist, review the Lexipol created manual. The board would like to have a rough idea of the cost before committing to the review.

Anderson.

- She has been in discussions with several people to help us in dealing with the Park and other issues.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Anson, Clerk

Amy Anderson, Chair