

VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

September 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on **Monday, September 18, 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	Captain Packard	Lt. Sebastian	LEGAL COUNSEL
Dan Schneider, Sr		Lt. Levitt	David Randolph

The regular board meeting of the Valley Fire District was called to order by Anderson at 5:32 PM.

Announcement: Anderson expressed condolences to long-time resident Lillian Parker Rohar.

Approval of Minutes.

MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve minutes of the **August 21, 2023** regular meeting. Voting: All Yes. **[20230918-01]**

Appropriations Reallocations. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve reallocations. Voting: All Yes. **[20230918-02]**

FUND#	NAME	\$FROM	\$TO
1000-220-323-0000	MAINTENANCE	(1,500.00)	
1000-110-312-0000	AUDITING SERVICES	(2,000.00)	
1000-110-351-0000	ELECTRICITY		1,500.00
1000-110-360-0000	CONTRACTED SERVICES		2,000.00

Purchase Orders: (Items at \$2,500 or more must be signed by the board). MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve reallocations. Voting: All Yes. **[20230918-03]**

PO	#	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT NAME	\$AMOUNT
57	-2023	1000-110-351-0000	ELECTRICITY	2,000.00
58	-2023	1000-220-323-0000	MAINTENANCE	4,000.00
59	-2023	1000-110-360-0000	CONTRACTED SERVICES	2,000.00

Financials and Approval of Bank Reconciliation. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the bank reconciliation. Voting: All Yes. **[20230918-04]**

Approval of Payroll. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve **Pay #10 of September 19, 2023.** Voting: All Yes. **[20230918-05]**

Approval for Payment of Bills. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the payment of bills. Voting: All Yes. **[20230918-06]**

Other Business.

- **2024 Budget Approval.** The 2024 budget information provided by the county was circulated to the board prior to the meeting. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and to authorize the necessary tax levies and certify them to the Summit County Fiscal Officer. Voting: All Yes. **[20230918-07]**
- **Training for Clerk.** Anderson stated that Anson as Deputy Clerk for Boston Township can now attend any Ohio Township Association training for free. MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Slocum to approve \$100 for Anson to attend Fiscal Officer Training in Twinsburg on October 24 sponsored by the OH Auditor’s Office. Voting: All Yes. **[20230918-08]**

Reports.

Riedel.

- The Motorola radios have been updated except for 6 which are older and require a separate update. The Fuel Cloud software has been updated.
- The Boston Heights Anniversary event went well. No problem with the fireworks.
- Anderson confirmed the use of the Boston Town Hall driveway for the VFD Halloween setup.

Duber.

- Medic 1 and Engine 2 are repaired.
- Turnout gear has been resized to fit current personnel.
- Air fill station is still in process. Training will be held when the station is installed.

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- SORT Water Rescue Trailer 4216 has temporarily moved to New Franklin Fire until the end of September. It is being used for a Public Safety Diver Class. Divers in this class are members of New Franklin Fire and will also be members of the Summit County Water Rescue Team.
- Valley Fire Divers will be participating in the annual Night Dive training on October 5, 6, or 7 in Tallmadge.

Packard.

- The department handled two major accidents this month. Anderson and Slocum thanked Packard for his handling of the crash on Boston Mills.
- The Squirt House at the Boston Heights Anniversary event was very popular.
- Park rangers now carry EpiPens.
- He notified the board of his schedule later this month.

Moledor.

- 14 inspections were done this month.
- He is still working on getting a good price and quality for a run of department t-shirts.
- Anderson asked him if he could set up the usual collection for Share-A-Christmas. He will contact Costco for December 9.

Sebastian.

- The installation of the cot in Medic 3 now requires the squad to be completed at the installation site, either driven there by department personnel or handled by the company at a cost of \$200. MOTION by Slocum, seconded by Schneider to approve the payment of bills. Voting: Slocum, Schneider: Yes. Anderson: No. [20230918-09]
- The EMS grant was funded at a higher amount than expected. EMS supplies will be purchased.
- EMS training is back in-person.

Levitt.

- Annual pump testing is in process. Boston Heights will be billed for testing on their vehicle. Ladder and hose testing is pending.
- Hose replacements may be needed and he is looking at options.
- We had an above average call volume this month.

Packard for the Association. The fund-raising event went well with \$3k each raised for the association and the Peninsula Police Association.

Fenn for Boston Heights. He distributed the Commemorative Program for the Boston Heights 100th Year Anniversary. There was a good turnout for the event. Commemorative ornaments are available for \$10.

Schneider. After the fundraising event, Pam Schneider talked to the Mayor and Peninsula will be looking to replace the stove, sink, and countertops in the kitchen at Station 1.

Legal Counsel. Several representatives from Roderick Linton Belfance were in attendance. Jamie Parker distributed a document for a legal review of the policy manual created for the Lexipol website at an estimated cost of \$3,800 to be completed in 6 to 8 weeks. She presented her experience with Lexipol and her thoughts on the new policy manual. Randolph stated that her work is held in high regard. Randolph asked the clerk to provide a copy of the Lexipol contract and pricing to him. MOTION by Anderson, seconded by Slocum to approve legal review by Parker. Voting: All Yes. [20230918-10]

There being no further business, Slocum moved to adjourn at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Anson, Clerk

Amy Anderson, Chair