

Valley Fire District
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
May 12, 2016

The regular meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at the Valley Fire District, located at 5287 Dogwood Drive, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. The following were in attendance.

Board Members	Fire Department	Fire Clerk	Legal Counsel
Amy Anderson, Chair	Chief Charlie Riedel	Catherine Anson	Ed Pullenkins
Dan Schneider	Assistant Chief Dave Morehouse		
Richard Slocum	Lieutenant Scott Duber		
(Attended by phone; Ineligible to vote)			

Guests: Council Members Ron Antal and Ron Fenn, Village of Boston Heights.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Dan Schneider, seconded by Amy Anderson to approve minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting. Voting: All Yes

Appropriations: Permanent Appropriations

TO:	1000-110-212-0000	Social Security	\$55.16
FROM:	1000-220-212-0000	Social Security	\$55.16

Motion by Dan Schneider, seconded by Amy Anderson to approve appropriations. Voting: All Yes

Transfers: None

Purchase Orders:

Super Blanket:

60-2016	1000-220-323-0000	Repairs & Maintenance	\$2500.00
61-2016	1000-220-230-0000	Workers Comp	\$2209.90

Motion by Dan Schneider, seconded by Amy Anderson to approve purchase orders. Voting: All Yes

Bank Reconciliation: Motion by Dan Schneider, seconded by Amy Anderson to approve the bank reconciliation. Voting: All Yes

Board member Richard Slocum joined the meeting by phone at 5:40 PM for discussion purposes but was ineligible to vote.

Approval of Payroll: Motion by Dan Schneider, seconded by Amy Anderson to approve the payroll. Voting: All Yes

Approval for Payment of Bills: Motion by Dan Schneider, seconded by Amy Anderson to approve the payment of bills. Voting: All Yes

Business:

- 1. Financials**
- 2. Life Force Closures:** Dan Schneider made a motion to accept the Life Force closures. Amy Anderson seconded the motion. Voting: All Yes
- 3. November Levy Renewal (Resolution):** The board will continue discussions on forecasting future needs for equipment and driveway replacement, taking into account discussions related to the contract renewal for the Village of Boston Heights. Once information from the county auditor is received on projected funds and our future needs are determined, we'll decide on the levy amount to request. The Resolution to the county board of elections must be received by August 10 at 4:00 PM for the November ballot.
Motion by Dan Schneider, seconded by Amy Anderson to send a Resolution of Necessity to the county auditor to request information 2.5 mil and 3 mil levies under renewal, replacement, and increase categories. Voting: All Yes
- 4. Northfield Center Township Proposal:** Chair Anderson and Chief Riedel reported on the meeting with Northfield Center (NC) to discuss possible fire and EMS coverage for their township. NC has

already received quotes from other entities and is interested in hearing a proposal from the Valley Fire District. The board debated advantages to contracting with NC. No objections were raised. Based on information provided by NC, Chief Riedel will compile data for the board for consideration of a possible partnership.

Ron Antal left the meeting at 6:15 PM.

- 5. Update on Printer Donation (Resolution):** Counsellor Pullekens provided clarification on the Ohio Revised Code regarding the disposal of equipment. He recommends we pass a resolution to post a general public notice of equipment available for donation for the required two-week period, after which the equipment can be donated. Market value for the used printer is approximately \$125.

Motion by Dan Schneider, seconded by Amy Anderson to issue a resolution to set policy on disposal of unneeded equipment worth \$2500 or less. Voting: All Yes

- 6. Village of Boston Heights Contract Renewal:** The board will hold a special work session on Monday, June 6 at 5:30 PM to discuss changes to upcoming contract renewal.
- 7. Association Approval Request:** The Valley Firefighters Association requests permission from the board to serve alcohol at the Steak Fry to be held May 14, 2016.

Motion by Dan Schneider, seconded by Amy Anderson to approve the serving of alcohol at the steak fry. Voting: All Yes

- 8. Officer Hours:** The board requested a list of hours from all VFD officers. All officers complied with this request except for one employee. When questioned, the employee became belligerent to a board member. Chief Riedel will review the employee handbook to advise the board on disciplinary measures regarding non-compliance to a board request and inappropriate behavior.

The officers present were questioned on some of the hours submitted. In particular, several hours seemed to be tied to Association meetings. Chief Riedel responded that the list provided all hours during which the officers were present at the station(s) to give a comprehensive picture of time and was not limited to official officer hours.

A board member asked for clarification on time and expenses during the recent trip to Indianapolis to attend the FDIC annual conference. Chief Riedel responded that none of the time counted towards official officer hours and that the trip was funded by the Valley Firefighters Association. No VFD funds or resources were used during this trip.

Reports:

Chief Riedel:

- Interviews for officers will take place next Tuesday evening. Board members will meet earlier to go over applications.
- A fatal car accident occurred on Ledge Road this week.
- Fred Rodatt, a former member of the department, passed away recently; VFD employees will be notified.
- One of our recent grants was denied and we should be hearing the decision on a second grant later this month. According to information disseminated at the FDIC meeting, another round of grant funding will be available in August.

Assistant Chief Morehouse:

- Purchase of two portable lights is requested. After examining options and testing models, the 25-pound Streamlight model at \$700 each is the best match for our needs. The board discussed if this purchase should be charged against a capital account or a general account. The board concluded that either account would be permissible. The board may want to create a general account in next year's appropriation specifically for the purchase of small equipment. Motion by Amy Anderson, seconded by Dan Schneider to approve the purchase of two 25-pound Streamlights. Voting: All Yes

Lieutenant Scott Duber:

- The swift water rescue equipment owned by the county will be stored at the Peninsula Station with the expectation that the VFD will respond to rescue efforts.

- The Ohio Division of Natural Resources can open the Lake Rockwell Reservoir flood gates to provide swift water training opportunities for the VFD in using the new equipment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Dan Schneider motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Anson, Clerk

Amy Anderson, Chair