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Valley Fire District Board of Trustees Regular Meeting

July 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the Valley Fire District Board was held on Thursday, July 14, 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 Richard Slocum	Assistant Chief Dave Morehouse Captain Ed Yost	Catherine Anson	Ed Pullekins

Guests: Mayor Bill Gorcy and Trustee Heather Davis (and member of their Safety Committee), 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 Richard Slocum, seconded by Amy Anderson to approve minutes of the June 9, 2016 meeting. Voting: All Yes

Appropriations: Permanent Appropriations

TO:	1000-110-212-0000	Social Security	\$540.00
FROM:	1000-220-212-0000	Social Security	-\$540.00
TO:	1000-110-212-0000	Social Security	\$200.00
FROM:	1000-220-212-0000	Social Security	-\$200.00

Motion by Richard Slocum, seconded by Amy Anderson to approve appropriations. Voting: All Yes

Transfers: None

Purchase Orders:

Super Blanket:

30-2016	1000-110-342-0000	Postage	\$12.00
31-2016	1000-220-420-0000	Operating Supplies	\$2500.00
32-2016	1000-220-230-0000	Workers' Compensation	\$880.79
33-2016	4901-760-750-0000	Motor Vehicles	\$264.14
34-2016	4901-760-740-0000	Machinery, Equipment	\$1380.00
35-2016	1000-220-590-0000	Other Expenses	\$1500.00
36-2016	1000-220-349-0000	Other-Communications	\$3384.00

Motion by Richard Slocum, seconded by Amy Anderson to approve purchase orders. Voting: All Yes

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

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

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

Business:

- **Financials.** Motion by Richard Slocum, seconded by Amy Anderson to approve the payment of bills. Voting: All Yes
- **Life Force Closures (none)**
- **Levy Renewal and Boston Contract Renewal.** The Board discussed this fall's levy renewal based on the information provided the Summit County Fiscal Agent. The upcoming contract renewal with the Village of Boston Heights (VBH), also occurring this fall, was discussed in context of the levy possibilities, along with the vehicle replacement plan distributed earlier by Chief Riedel. The draft presentation "Contract Renewal Discussion Points" prepared by Trustee Slocum was distributed at the meeting and was the focus of the discussion with the VBH guests.

During this discussion, the preliminary proposal from the VFD to the Village of Northfield Center was mentioned, with input solicited from the VBH guests.

Points raised during the discussion included:

- The Northfield Center proposal will not move forward without the backing of the VBH.
- The VFD is looking for a longer commitment from the VBH, a five to ten year contract period this time.
- The VFD will offer at least two options to the VBH regarding the contract renewal.
- While today's discussion provided some preliminary thoughts, the Board and VBH agreed to a special meeting on Wednesday, July 20 at 5:30 at the VFD administrative offices for a working session on contract terms.

Chair Anderson related top choices for Chief Riedel and Trustee Schneider regarding the levy renewal.

Motion by Richard Slocum, seconded by Amy Anderson for a replacement levy at a millage rate of 2.50. Voting: All Yes

Counsel Pullekens will prepare the resolution to present to county.

- **State Audit.** Clerk Anson informed the Board of recent interactions with the Charles Harris audit team. The financial records have been returned to the District and the official report approved by the State should be received soon.

Reports:

Chair Anderson (include information present on behalf of vacationing Chief Riedel):

- Anderson and Riedel met with representatives from the Village of Northfield Center to discuss providing fire and EMS service to the Village. Captain Yost provided background information on local fire services. Two options for services were prepared for preliminary discussion but no decisions are expected in the immediate future nor without further discussion.
We received a \$2500 Ohio EMS grant; expenditures are restricted to certain items. We plan to purchase replacement desktop computers for both stations and two Reeves stretchers.
- As arranged with the help of Ian Faita, 8 field laptops were donated to the VFD by the Summit County Emergency Management Agency.
- Richfield Village donated 15 radios with P25 updates to the VFD. We still need to upgrade our other radios this year at an approximate cost of \$60,000.

Assistant Chief Morehouse:

Requested permission to purchase replacement t-shirts at total cost of \$550.

Motion by Richard Slocum, seconded by Amy Anderson to purchase t-shirts. Voting: All Yes

Captain Yost:

- Expenses coming due soon will include the pump test for the trucks expected at \$1500.
- The fax machine at the Boston station needs to be replaced. Mayor Gorcy may have a possible replacement on hand. If not, the price of fax machines have dropped and should be replaceable from the current budget.
- Presented information based on his working experience at Northfield Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Amy Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Anson, Clerk

Amy Anderson, Chair