

**Glen Carbon Fire Protection District
199 South Main Street
Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034**

August 27, 2024 – Minutes of the Regular August 2024 Meeting

The Meeting was convened at 7:00 PM by President Harris.

Trustees present: President Harris, Trustees Humes, Williams, Woolsey and Dunn.

Trustee absent: None.

Fire/EMS Mgmt Present: Chief Whitaker, Dep Chief Hood, Asst Chief Bowles, and Lts. Perez and Reaka.

Fire Fighters/EMS and others present: FF Napoli, and FF Wahl.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOTICE THAT ITEMS MAY BE TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Trustee Humes moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Trustee Dunn seconded and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

COMMUNICATIONS: Letter from Focal Pointe Snow and Ice Removal concerning this year's contract.

Glen Carbon Pension Plan Actuarial Statement.

Letter from IDES noting a credit of \$5.61.

Five new addresses on Magnolia Drive.

ANNUAL CHECKLIST: Item 27: required safety drills have been completed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Trustee Humes presented the Treasurer's Report.

July 2024	FIRE	EMS	TOTAL
Beginning Balance	815,549.04	1,106,162.00	1,921,711.04
Deposits	460,051.52	560,058.35	1,020,109.87
Expenditures	(995,489.30)	(155,865.38)	(1,151,354.68)
Net Activity	(535,437.78)	404,192.97	(131,244.81)
Ending Balance	280,111.26	1,510,354.97	1,790,466.23
Bank Balance	329,793.60	1,556,464.61	1,886,258.21

There were 9 expense items over \$2,000, totaling \$923,206.75 for July. This included the cost of the new Unit 1911.

Trustee Williams moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Trustee Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

There was a 2-day Active Shooter Training event at Father McGivney Catholic High School. More than 200 first responders from more than 25 agencies participated in the drills.

Major Incident: Assisted Collinsville FD with a Structure Fire on August 11th. A total of 8 personnel responded to the scene while 5 members remained in town to cover other calls.

Assisted Troy FPD with a Structure Fire on Sunday, August 18th. The fire resulted in a fatality to one of the residents.

Grants: Applied for the 2024 Illinois American Water grant in the amount of \$1000.00.
Applied for the 2024 Q2 Firehouse Subs grant in the amount of \$32,000.00.

Foreign Fire Insurance Board purchased an 8'x4' custom table for the bay at each station. Tables will be used for post-incident analysis, training, and general team building.
Received the 2 recliner sofas purchased for Station #1 Ready Room.
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Glen Carbon Volunteer Fire Department Association provided donations to the Brett's First Responder Organization, Jake Ringering Memorial Foundation, and several other school organizations
A committee was formed to determine annual disbursements. An annual scholarship, charitable donations, and annual donation to the Fire District for the purchase of tools and equipment will be included.
Monthly meetings continue on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Other /PR: Monthly CPR classes continue for the public at our Station #1. Classes are on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6 pm
Neighborhood Meet and Greet scheduled in Fields Crossing Subdivision on Wednesday, August 28th.

EMS Billing: The collection rate for July 2024=128.8%.
The collection rate for 2024 YTD=91.1.
Total Amount Collected =\$494,350.30.
GEMT Collection YTD =\$86,443.66.

Staffing: Remains adequate but overtime is starting to become more frequent. Still looking to add Part Time Paramedics.

DEPUTY CHIEF: Finalizing insurance on the new Unit 1911.

ASST CHIEF: In June there were 10 building inspections with none being completely satisfactory. Oh La La Spa is still working to get into compliance. There have been 97 inspections year-to-date.

INTERNAL ISSUES/ACCIDENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: The west parking lot is finally transferred to MCT. End of this saga..

There was nothing to report on the fire training grounds.

There was no report on the potential Fire Commission.

The new truck (1911) has been delivered and Dep Chief Hood is outfitting it. Expect it to be in service by mid August.

Still waiting for the new McGrath report. A working draft is expected in about two weeks..

Station 2 remodel work is expected to start in the first week of September.

NEW BUSINESS:

After discussion the Board decided to donate the old Unit 1911. President Harris made the motion and Trustee Dunn seconded. Motion passed unanimously

End of Life Equipment included four recliners, which the Chief will give away, and the equipment on old 1911, which will go with the donated truck.

Items Over \$20,000: President Harris moved to authorize the ordering of a new ambulance . Trustee Dunn seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Cost will be \$349,840.00, which will come due at delivery which is expected to be three years from this date.

Items Under \$20,000: Five sets of turn-out gear @\$3,600 per set.

There has once again been damage to the garage doors at Station 2. Cost to repair is \$4,220.

New Transmitter/Receivers for \$2,500.

Repair to weather stripping at Station 2 for \$320.00

Training Requests: One training request by FF Schulte for Instructor II at a cost of \$465.00.

President Harris moved to approve the request and Trustee Woolsey seconded. The request was approved unanimously.

At 7:57 President Harris moved to adjourn the open meeting to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Trustee Williams seconded and the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

At 8:15 President Harris reopened the meeting noting that everyone who was present at adjournment was again present.

President Harris reported that in closed session the Board discussed personnel recommendations that are expected to be in the McGrath report. No action was taken.

Closing Input From The Public: None

There being no further business to attend to, President Harris moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Trustee Williams and the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Submitted By: Ron Williams
GCFPD Secretary

2023 Meeting Schedule:

09-26-2023

10-31-2023

11-28-2023

01-02-2024 (December meeting)