

**CHIPPEWA FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
April 20, 2010**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lehmann at 7:01 p.m. , per ss. 19.84 & 19385(1)c Wis. Stats.

**Secretary Roll Call:** The following members answered 'present': Mr. Steinmetz, Mr. Lehmann, Mr. Solberg, Mr. Rahn, and Mr. Schindler.

**Approve Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Steinmetz / Mr. Schindler; motion passed by voice vote.

**Recording Secretary:** A motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from the March 16, 2010 Board meeting and accept them as presented was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Solberg; motion passed by voice vote.

**Financial Report:** Chief Neihart distributed and reviewed the financial report for the period ending March 31, 2010. He advised the Board that checks #27440 (\$156.00) and #27463 (\$335.00) will be reimbursed to the District by Station #1; that a check in the amount of \$24,000 to the District's LOSA fund was written but not shown; also that Line #2207 – United Bank Radio Lease in Long Term Liabilities is approximately \$27,000 too high. Chief Neihart distributed the Fund Transactions summary for the year to date. A motion to accept the report, pay claims, and issue checks was made by Mr. Solberg / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**Account Adjustments:** None

**Public Discussion:** None

**Old Business:** **1) Discuss / Approve old Ladder 1, 1977 Seagrave purchase by Bloomer -** Chief Neihart reported to the Board that Bloomer had offered to purchase the truck for \$4,000, pending their inspection of the ladder and any necessary repairs not to exceed \$2,000. A motion to accept the offer from Bloomer was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote. **2) Discuss / Approve the District joining MABAS agreement –** Chief Neihart stated all entities have approved resolutions to join MABAS, and now the District also needs to approve the master resolution and submit it to the State. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Mr. Schindler / Mr. Solberg; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

**New Business:** **1) Discuss / Approve establishing a policy for employees leaving, pending Fire Commission approval –** Mr. Lehmann explained the issue regarding employees accruing substantial leave time, then leaving the District, how they are currently paid for this time, and options for possible revisions of this policy. Board discussion included adding a sinking fund line in the budget for accrued leave and funding it to cover all leave time or a portion of leave time. No further action taken; it will be brought before the Fire Commission at their April 26, 2010 meeting. **2) Discuss Five year plan –** The Five Year Plan, covering 1020 -2014, was distributed and reviewed by Chief Neihart. **2a – Replace Engine 1 -** Firefighter Bill Metzenbauer presented a plan for a proposed new Engine 1, from W.S. Darley. The Board discussed specifications and budget options; Chief Neihart suggested better budget information would be available in July or August. Mr. Lehmann stated that before any truck is ordered, a specification must be prepared and bids requested. No Board action taken. **2b – Volunteer call pay -** Inspector Andersen advised the Board that most calls in the past year lasted one hour or less, and suggested changing the call pay to be \$10/ hour vs \$10/ call. No Board action taken. **2c – Other suggestions-** None voiced. **3) Review Annual Report -** Chief Neihart distributed and reviewed the Annual Report for 2009. Following the review, a motion to accept and place the report on file was made by Mr. Schindler / Mr. Rahn; motion passed by voice vote. **4) Discuss establishing new purchase procedure -** Mr. Lehmann explained the Board's goal is a standardized design and procurement policy. Board discussion mentioned the variety of circumstances inherent in the suburban and rural areas of the District, as well as equipment design improvements from year to year. No Board action taken. **5) Discuss establishing station equipment purchases and ownership -** Mr. Lehmann reviewed past issues, and advised a consistent policy should be another Board goal for 2010. No Board action taken. **6) Review / approve 2010 Country and Rock Fest Contracts –** Chief Neihart reported the Fest organization proposed a 10% increase in the contract amounts, and meeting in September to review financial shortfalls and operations,

for possible contract changes for 2011. Following discussion, a motion to accept the Fest's proposal to increase the contract to \$19,800 per event was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Solberg; motion passed by voice vote. **7) Review / approve contract with WI DOC for UST and AST** - Chief Neihart stated the State's contract for a one year renewal, subject to 6 additional years, contained no price adjustment from the current contract, but with the possibility of adding more areas closer to Chippewa. A motion to accept the contract renewal was made by Mr. Schindler / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote.

**Election of Officers:** **Chairman** – Mr. Steinmetz / Mr. Solberg nominated Mr. Lehmann; no additional nominations. A motion to close nominations and elect Mr. Lehmann was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote. **Secretary** – Mr. Rahn / Mr. Steinmetz nominated Mr. Solberg; no additional nominations. A motion to close nominations and elect Mr. Solberg was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Schindler; motion passed by voice vote. **Vice Chairman** - Mr. Solberg / Mr. Steinmetz nominated Mr. Schindler; no additional nominations. A motion to close nominations and elect Mr. Schindler was made by Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote. **Treasurer** – Mr. Lehmann / Mr. Steinmetz nominated Mr. Rahn; no additional nominations. A motion to close nominations and elect Mr. Rahn was made by Mr. Solberg / Mr. Schindler; motion passed by voice vote.

**Convene to closed session** – A motion to enter closed session, per s.19.85(1)c: Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote at 8:21 p.m.

**Reconvene to open session** - A motion to reconvene to open session was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Solberg; motion passed by voice vote at 8:35 p.m. No announcement regarding actions in the closed session was made.

**Training:** Chief Neihart stated the grain bin entrapment training class has been scheduled for May 1. He also said the District has 2 members in the Entry Level class in Stanley, and Firefighter I and II will be offered later in the summer. We have 4 new students in the Fire-Medic program that started in January.

**Chief's Report: 1)** - Chief Neihart repeated that the Radio Grant applications may be due later this year, with grants to be awarded next year, and we will try to complete the mobile radio switch-over. **2)** – The District has received an appeal from the WI Unemployment for Marc Shutter; this has been forwarded to counsel; this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal. **3)** - The Workers' Compensation insurance increased recently, and the payment for 2011 will be due in December, in the amount of approximately \$32,000.

**Board Open Discussion: 1)** – Mr. Rahn inquired on the status of FF/P Vogler. Chief Neihart reported that his doctor won't let him back until July sometime, and then possibly only for "light duty".

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Schindler; motion passed by voice vote at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted for Approval,

Doug Matthews  
Recording Clerk