

**CHIPPEWA FIRE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
December 28, 2010**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lehmann at 7:00 p.m. with an announcement of a closed session per ss.19.85(1)(c) 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. Solberg; motion passed by voice vote.

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business:** **1) Discuss / Approve Country / Rock Fest Contract** – Chief Hulett allowed Assistant Chief Dienger to review the staffing issues, especially apparent on the Wednesday of each Fest. Board discussion concerned the requirements of the Chippewa County Large Assembly ordinance, the ceding of suppression authority by the primary coverage agency, and the possibility of splitting the coverage with other fire agencies. Mr. Wade Asher arrived at 7:11; he stated the 2010 attendance peaks were 15,000 for Country Fest, and 12,000 for Rock Fest. Staffing issues were explained to him; various options were discussed, including four firefighter-medics plus two volunteer firefighters on Wednesday. Chief Hulett will check with District members and adjacent fire agencies for potential volunteers. **2) Discuss No Tobacco Policy** – Chief Hulett explained the background of the issue, that the current CPAT Application prohibits tobacco usage, on and off duty, for all applicants. Inspector Andersen distributed and reviewed copies of ss 891.45 and 891.455 Stats. regarding the conditions necessary for presuming cancers and respiratory or cardiac diseases were caused by a firefighter's work. Board discussion also questioned if a policy would cover all District members or just career and part-time employees. Chief Hulett reported he has directed the CPAT Applications for the Fire District to remove the tobacco prohibition clause pending development of a policy. No policy was approved. **3) Discuss Policy for donated equipment by stations** - The Board discussed current procedures and past practices, as well as the Chippewa County Court ruling. Discussion included Board members and attending firefighters expressing their individual viewpoints, as well as options such as the stations forming Associations. The Board agreed to have Chief Hulett discuss the issue at each station's business meeting and report findings to the Board at a future meeting.

**New Business:** **1) Discuss / Approve Health Care Reform Amendment to current policy** – Referenced amendment would pertain to the District's master health insurance policy, regarding the approved uses for the money withheld from paychecks. A motion to approve the Amendment to the current policy was made by Mr. Rahn / Solberg; motion passed by voice vote. **2) Discuss / Approve resolution Establishing Hourly Pay for Firefighters** – A proposal was previously made to revise the emergency call pay from \$10 / call to \$10/ hour. Discussion included possible payroll cost increases, and other factors such as FUTA and SUTA increases. Inspector Andersen distributed a summary showing 14 calls for the last 12 months that were longer than one hour (totaling an additional 40 hours), and a review of Fire District Compensation for its history. Mr. Solberg suggested revising the pay to \$15 / call. It was estimated the emergency call pay for the past 12 months would be approximately \$20,000 -\$21,000 of the \$25,000 budgeted. No decision was made; item will be held until the January meeting.

**Secretary:** A motion to approve the minutes, as received, of the November 16, 2010 regular meeting and December 1, 2010 Special meeting was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Steinmetz; the motion was approved by voice vote.

**Financial Report:** A revised check listing was distributed by Chief Hulett; he highlighted the major expenditures. The Balance Sheet covering the period ending November 30, 2010 was distributed and reviewed by the Board. 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:** One account adjustment was considered, with a recommendation of approval by LifeQuest. A motion to approve the adjustment was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Schindler; motion was passed by voice vote.

**Convene to closed session, per s.19.85(1)(c), Stats. Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility** – A motion to enter closed session was made by Mr. Solberg / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote at 9:09 p.m.

**Reconvene to open session** – A motion to reconvene to open session was made by Mr. Schindler / Mr. Rahn; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote at 10:33 p.m. Chairman Lehmann announced there will be no Board action or motion made regarding the closed session.

**Training:** Chief Hulett reported the Training Officers had set the Training Schedule for 2011, and that he would be teaching the Incident Command System at the stations during February. He also stated there are a number of District firefighters attending various classes at CVTC, and we have some new members who will be taking the Entry Level class.

**Chief's Report:** **1)** - Chief Hulett reported he has met with the members of the stations, as well as area and regional chiefs. **2)** – Medic 4 will be back in service tomorrow. **3)** – The pressure governor on Engine 2 needs replacement; this will cause it to be out of the District over the next several days, and cost \$4,300. **4)** – The foam trailer is still in need of a little more work before it's placed in service. **5)** – SCBA tanks, turn-out gear, batteries, and pagers will need to be ordered. **6)** – The District has been awarded a grant for 4 new mobile and one portable radio, on a 75 / 25 cost split, if it's approved by the Board. **7)** – Ambulance specs for the box on the new chassis need to be written. **8)** - Applications for new members at stations 2, 3, and 6 are awaiting review.

**Board Open Discussion:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote at 10:42 p.m.

Submitted for Approval,

Doug Matthews  
Recording Clerk