

**CHIPPEWA FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 16, 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 s.19.85(1)(g) Stats.

Secretary Roll Call: The following members answered 'present': Mr. Steinmetz, Mr. Lehmann, Mr. Ken Custer for Mr. Solberg, Mr. Dave Staber for Mr. Rahn, and Mr. Tom Zwiefelhofer for Mr. Schindler.

Approve Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda and to consider New Business item #5 immediately was made by Mr. Staber / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote.

New Business: 5) Review / approve Country & Rock Fest contracts- Mr. Wade Asher, representing Mike Asher and the Country & Rock Fests was present. Chairman Lehmann reviewed the reasons for an increase of approximately 22% in the proposed 2010 contracts for the Fests. Mr. Asher explained the reasons why the Fests preferred a smaller, if any, increase. Following discussion, Mr. Staber suggested an increase of 10% for 2010. Mr. Lehmann suggested the Fests may wish to consider covering the District's losses from non-paying patients. Mr. Asher replied he would take this suggestion back to his organization, and then said the Fests may be open to negotiating an additional amount to help cover transported Fest patrons who do not pay for their medical care. A motion to table deciding on an increase until the March meeting was made by Mr. Staber / Mr. Zwiefelhofer; motion passed by voice vote.

Recording Secretary: A motion to waive the reading of, and accept the minutes from the January 19, 2010 Board meeting as presented was made by Mr. Staber / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote.

Financial Report: Chief Neihart distributed and reviewed the financial report for the period ending January 31, 2010. He advised check # 27243 in the amount of \$54.50 should be voided, as this will be paid by a fire station. Mr. Steinmetz questioned check #27247 for the amount of \$10,382.57. Chief Neihart explained this amount included \$7,400.00 for rebuilding the pump on old E-6 so it would be certified as a fire pump, to make the truck saleable, and the remainder was to repair E-4. A motion to accept the report, pay claims, and issue checks was made by Mr. Steinmetz / Mr. Staber; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Account Adjustments: Chief Neihart presented one request for adjustment, and recommended not approving it, at the suggestion of LifeQuest. Following Board review of the account, a motion to accept the Chief's recommended action was made by Mr. Staber / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote.

Public Comment: F/P Mark Roshell announced to the Board the new web site for the Fire District has been completed, and he encouraged the Board members to visit it, and offer suggestions for additional content, possibly Board meeting agendas and minutes. The address is www.chippewafiredistrict.com.

Old Business: 1) Consider RFP for ambulance chassis - Chief Neihart suggested tabling this item until a future meeting. **2) Old Ladder 1 disposition -** Chief Neihart stated the Bloomer Fire Chief will recommend to his Board at their March meeting that they purchase the truck for \$5,000.00. **3) Consider the District joining MABAS agreement (hold until entity meetings are complete) –** Chief Neihart advised the Board that the Towns of Hallie and Howard have yet to receive the presentation on MABAS; those two and the Village have to approve joining, but the other entities have approved joining. **4) Request to increase the total accrual of leave time allowed for 24-hr. personnel and 8-hr. personnel (hold for review in employee handbook) -** This item will remain tabled. **5) Resolution for direct deposit of payroll checks –** This item will be held until a future meeting, pending action on New Business item #4.

New Business: 1) Cornell Area Ambulance Service ALS Intercept Agreement – Chief Neihart explained that a new agreement is presented for approval because of a reorganization and name change for the ambulance service. He also reminded the Board that there is a county-wide mutual aid agreement still in effect. Presently, the City of Chippewa Falls does their intercepts. Board consensus was to table this item until the March meeting. **2) Review ambulance rates -** Chief Neihart distributed the schedule of proposed ambulance rate changes, as recommended by LifeQuest. No action was taken by the Board. **3) Review / Approve Resolution 2010-02: Confidentiality Agreement with Krista Computers –** The resolution was distributed and explained by Mr. Lehmann. After review, a motion to approve Resolution

2010-02 was made by Mr. Steinmetz / Mr. Staber; motion passed by voice vote. **4) Review / Approve joint purchase of payroll software with Village of Lake Hallie** - Mr. Lehmann explained the software has been purchased by the Village for \$600.00. He then asked, since the Fire District will be using the software, if the Fire District would be interested in contributing financially toward this expense. A motion to have the District contribute \$300.00 toward the cost of the software was made by Mr. Staber / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote.

Convene to closed session, per s.19.85(1)(g), Stats. – Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation which is or is likely to become involved - A motion to enter closed session was made by Mr. Staber / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote at 8:15 p.m.

Reconvene to open session – A motion to reconvene to open session was made by Mr. Staber / Mr. Zwiefelhofer; motion passed by voice vote at 8:32 p.m. Chairman Lehmann announced there was no Board action taken, or motion made regarding the closed session.

Training: Chief Neihart reported the station training continues, and an Entry Level class started at CVTC, with 3 District firefighters. Two new member applications are awaiting Fire Commission approval; following that, they will start Entry Level training in the fall.

Chief's Report: 1) - Chief Neihart read a letter from Patricia Watton commending the level of care she received following a car crash. **2)** – The ambulance inspections by the State Patrol were completed on Feb. 10, and the inspector was very satisfied with the state of the equipment.

Board Open Discussion: 1) – Mr. Staber asked about whether the antenna and repeater at Station #3 were narrow-band compatible; Chief Neihart stated they were. Mr. Staber then asked about the possibility of receiving additional mobile and hand-held radios for the Town of LaFayette. Chief Neihart advised they may be available in the next grant cycle. **2)** – Chief Neihart announced there is an H1N1 vaccination clinic scheduled at Station #1 on March 1 between 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.; this will be open to the public. Indoor parking will be arranged for seniors.

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

Submitted for Approval,

Doug Matthews
Recording Clerk