

**CHIPPEWA FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 16, 2010**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lehmann at 7:03 p.m.

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

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

Recording Secretary: A motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from the February 16, 2010 Regular Board meeting, and the March 4, 2010 Special Board Meeting was made by Mr. Solberg / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote. A motion to accept the minutes from the February 16, 2010 and March 4, 2010 meetings was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote.

Financial Report: Chief Neihart distributed and reviewed the financial report for the period ending February 28, 2010. He advised the Board that Line #2205 – State Trust Fund Loan in Other Current Liabilities has been paid, leaving Total Other Current Liabilities at \$1,097.65; and that Line #2204 – Midwest Bankers Group in long Term Liabilities has also been paid, leaving Total Long Term Liabilities at \$243,800.00. These corrections would result in Total Liabilities of \$244,897.65. A motion to accept the report, pay claims, and issue checks was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Account Adjustments: None

Public Comment: None

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 Board has met, but he has not received word of any decision they may have made. **3) Consider the District joining MABAS agreement (hold until entity meetings are complete)** – Chief Neihart advised the Board that the Town of Howard has yet to act on MABAS. This item will be placed on the April agenda. **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** – Mr. Lehmann reported the necessary software has been installed. Board discussion regarding implementation issues was followed by a request for a resolution requiring 2 of 3 authorized persons to approve each transfer of funds. **6) Review and Approve Cornell Ambulance Service ALS Intercept agreement** – A motion to approve the agreement was made by Mr. Lehmann / Mr. Solberg; motion passed by voice vote. **7) Review and approve ambulance rate adjustments** - Following discussion of various rate change options, a motion to table a decision until a later meeting was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote.

New Business: **1) Disposal of 1996 ambulance** – Chief Neihart announced the title for the vehicle is now clear, and the vehicle is owned by the District. A motion to take it to the vehicle auction site at the former Farm & Fleet facility was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Solberg; motion passed by voice vote.

Training: Chief Neihart explained the hazards of grain bin entrapment, the desire for training on this topic by the firefighters, and that a specialized training class has been tentatively scheduled for May 1; he requested Board authorization for \$1,500.00 plus transportation and lodging expenses for the class. A motion to proceed with the training was made by Mr. Solberg / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote. He that stated an Entry Level class would be starting in Boyd, for our new firefighters, regular monthly station training would be RIT, and a tour of the Wissota Hydro Plant is scheduled for March 23, 2010, and that Board members were welcome to go on the tour.

Chief's Report: **1)** - Chief Neihart announced that correspondence had been received from EMC Insurance Companies, our worker's compensation carrier, that the premium would be increasing substantially, and would be billed monthly. **2)** – FF/P Vogler's physician has stated Doug may be back to work on May 1.

Board Open Discussion: 1) – Mr. Solberg enquired about the personnel situation. Chief Neihart stated FF/P Busse has been hired by the Chippewa Falls Fire Department, but is still using his accrued leave, so his position cannot be filled until the leave is expended. Board discussion regarding alternative leave accrual policies followed; no action was taken.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Rahn / Mr. Steinmetz; motion passed by voice vote at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted for Approval,

Doug Matthews
Recording Clerk