

**Chippewa Fire District Board Meeting
May 17, 2011 at 19:00 – Wheaton Fire Station**

1. **Meeting called to order by Mr. Rahn** according to Chapter 19.84 and 19.85 (1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes at 7:03pm.
2. **Roll Call:** The following board members answered present: Mr. Ronald Steinmetz, Mr. John Neihart, Mr. Alan Solberg, Mr. Bruno Rahn & Mr. Vernon Schindler.
3. **Approve Agenda: Mr. Schindler made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Neihart.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
4. **Approve Minutes: Mr. Neihart made a motion to approve the April 19, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Steinmetz.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
5. **Mr. Schindler made a motion to convene to close session per 19.85 (1) (c) Considering employment, promotion, and compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, seconded by Mr. Solberg.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote. Convene to closed session at 7:06pm.
6. **Mr. Neihart made a motion to re-convene to open session, seconded by Mr. Schindler.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote. Re-convene to open session at 7:53 pm.
 - 6a. Recording Secretary Appointment. Chief Kent Hulett wishes to replace Douglas Mathews with Rita Erickson as Recording Secretary because of her knowledge of the financial situation with the District. **Mr. Neihart made a motion to approve Rita Erickson as Recording Secretary as recommended by Chief Kent Hulett, seconded by Mr. Schindler.** Motion carried on a roll call vote. 3/2 nay (Mr. Rahn, Mr. Steinmetz)
 - 6b. Status of FF/Paramedic Douglas Vogler employment with the Chippewa Fire District. Mr. Neihart removed himself from any discussion and/or action regarding Douglas Vogler. **Mr. Rahn made a motion to notify Mr. Vogler's employment will terminate on June 12, 2011, unless he can provide medical clearance and return to work as a Firefighter/Paramedic, seconded by Mr. Schindler.** Motion carried on a roll call vote. 4/1 abstain (Mr. Neihart)
7. Public Comments:None
8. Old Business:None
9. New Business:
 - a. Final Auditor's Report for 2010. **Mr. Solberg made a motion to except the Final Audit Report from Wipfli, seconded by Mr. Steinmetz.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
 - b. Review of Fire Burn Regulations by Chief Inspector John Andersen. Discussion on the packet of information on fire burn hours and regulations Mr. Andersen presented to the board. Mr. Andersen would like permission from the board to publish this information in the newspapers. The board agreed to publish the information and add it to the website.

- c. Discussion/Approve to Purchase: 1. Air Compressor Filling Vault (used for Station 3) **Mr. Solberg made a motion to approve the purchase of the air compressor filling vault for \$3,800.00 for Station 3, seconded by Mr. Neihart.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. 2. Replace Laptop Toughbook for Training, EMS, and Radio software programs. **Mr. Neihart made a motion to approve the purchase of a Laptop for \$985.60, seconded by Mr. Schindler.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
 - d. Discussion/Approve of Chief Officer's position for "Deputy Chief of Training." Chief Hulett handed out the job description for the Deputy Chief of Training position. **Mr. Neihart made a motion to accept the Deputy Chief of Training job description and authorize the Chief to post it, seconded by Mr. Steinmetz.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
 - e. Discussion/Approve of hiring one Full Time Firefighter/Paramedic as soon as possible. Discussion of the 2 vacant Firefighter/Paramedic positions. **Mr. Schindler made a motion to hire one full time Firefighter/Paramedic, seconded by Mr. Neihart.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
 - f. Discussion/Approve of potential purchase of one new ambulance chassis. Discussion on purchasing a 2010 Ambulance Chassis for \$40,337.00. **Mr. Schindler made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2010 ambulance chassis, seconded by Mr. Neihart.** Motion carried on a roll call vote. 4/1 nay (Mr. Solberg)
10. Approve Checks and Financial Statement: Mr. Rahn recapped the Balance sheet. **Mr. Steinmetz made a motion to approve the Checks and Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Schindler.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
11. Account Adjustments: None
12. Chiefs Report: Chief Kent Hulett reported on the following: 1. Adding personnel to all the stations. 2. Medic 1 is in service. 3. Medtec doing a full inspection on Medic 4. 4. EMS week. 5. Discussion with Dr. Dixon on working with St. Josephs. 6. Station 3 having a class on pet rescue. 7. Proposal to for a Tech Rescue Team. 8. Cty X grass fire that went to vehicle fire. 9. Standby for the governor on Lake Wissota. 10. EMS Staffing update with overtime down 45% and response times improved.
13. Comments from Board Members. Mr. Schindler expressed getting rid of Medic 4. Mr. Rahn requested for the next meeting agenda to include Annual Fire District Recap report, LifeQuest Ambulance rates reviewed and Tank Program review with Randy Shervey.
14. Adjournment. **Mr. Neihart made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Steinmetz .** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Minutes Submitted by:

Rita Erickson, Recording Clerk