

**Chippewa Fire District Board Meeting
July 17, 2012, at 19:00 – Howard Fire Station**

1. **Meeting called to order by Mr. Schindler** according to Chapter 19.84 and 19.85 (1)(c) of the Wisconsin State Statutes at 19:00.
 2. **Roll Call:** The following board members answered present: Mr. Ronald Steinmetz, Mr. Mike Downey, Mr. Alan Solberg, and Mr. Vernon Schindler. Mr. Bruno Rahn was absent. Attending for Mr. Rahn was Mr. Gary Frederick.
 3. **Approve Agenda: Mr. Steinmetz made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Solberg.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
 4. **Approve Minutes: Mr. Downey made a motion to approve the June 19, 2012, Board Meeting minutes with a correction to Item 13, seconded by Mr. Steinmetz.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. Item 13 should read Mr. Schindler presented Mr. Hulett a plaque for appreciation of service.
 5. **Public Comments:** Resident request to fill a swimming pool. Discussion on the insurance liability issues for the District as to why the District cannot fill pools.
 6. **Old Business:**
 - A. Review/Act on Purchase of Pumper for Station One. Mr. John Anderson gave an update on the added equipment that was not on the first quote. Special Meeting will be on August 2, 2012 at 19:00.
- Mr. Solberg made a motion to move the closed session after Item 13, seconded by Mr. Downey.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
7. **Mr. Steinmetz made a motion to convene to closed session per 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, 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 20:08.
 8. **Mr. Solberg made a motion to re-convene to open session and to announce any action taken, seconded by Mr. Downey.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote. Re-convene at 21:09. No action taken.
 9. **New Business:**
 - A. Discuss/Act on Fire District Attorney. Discussion on the current attorney to continue service with the current issues.
 - B. Discuss/Act on Filling Vacant Fulltime FF/Paramedic Position. Mr. Christopher McHenry has taken a teaching position with C.V.T.C. His last day is August 11, 2012. **Mr. Downey made a motion to approve filling the Fulltime FF/Paramedic vacancy, seconded by Mr. Steinmetz.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
 10. **Approve Checks and Financial Statement: Mr. Downey made a motion to approve the Checks and Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Steinmetz.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

11. **Account Adjustments:** LifeQuest emailed a request from a 2008 call. The patient is requesting a \$350.00 payment to satisfy the bill. The bill amount is \$1,420.22. **Mr. Solberg made a motion to make an offer of \$710.11, half the bill, seconded by Mr. Frederick.** Motion carried on a voice vote. (2-nay, Mr. Steinmetz, Mr. Downey)
Interim Chief Rick Merryfield commented on another request that will be reviewed at the next board meeting.

12. **Chiefs Report:** Mr. Merryfield reported on the following: 1. Sacred Heart contract is being reviewed by John Folstad with Sacred Heart. Mayo system was asked to sign a contract, they will review it but do not seem interested. 2. Grants, Pagers and Turn out gear. Turn out gear grant is 418,000. 3. All stations are completing apparatus and driving training. 4. Country fest had 25 patient contacts, 101 walk ups, 5 fire responses. 5. Major fire on July 16th, hay trailer on County X. Structure fire on 126th, vehicle rollover on Hwy 29. 6. Engine 22 repair on hydraulic and Tender 1 has transmission repair. 7. Brush 6 will be in service this weekend. Training tomorrow night for Station 6. 8. Pat Michels is deputy chief for Station 6. 9. Run update is at 2012-981 2011-857. 14.5% increase.

13. **Comments from Board Members:** None.

14. **Adjournment:** **Mr. Downey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Steinmetz.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 21:19.

Minutes Submitted By:

Rita Erickson, Recording Clerk