

**Chippewa Fire District Board Meeting  
October 16, 2012, at 19:00 – Lafayette Town Hall**

1. **Meeting called to order by Mr. Schindler** according to Chapter 19.84 and Chapter 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, Mr. Bruno Rahn and Mr. Vernon Schindler.
3. **Approve Agenda: Mr. Solberg made a motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Mr. Steinmetz.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
4. **Approve Minutes: Mr. Steinmetz made a motion to approve the September 18, 2012 Meeting and October 11, 2012, Special Work Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Downey.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
5. **Public Comments: None**
6. **Old Business**
  - A. Discuss/Act on 2013 Budget. Discussion on line item #15200 increasing \$48,000.00. **Mr. Downey made a motion to approve the EMS 2013 Budget of \$1,351,767.50, seconded by Mr. Rahn.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote. **Mr. Downey made motion to amend the previous motion to include the per capita rate at \$22.50, seconded by Mr. Rahn.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.  
Discussion on line item #25700 decreasing \$50,000.00 for turn out gear and line item #25540 increasing \$2,000.00. Discussion on the Fire Chief salary. **Mr. Solberg made a motion to approve the Fire 2013 Budget of \$586,000.00, seconded by Mr. Rahn.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
7. **New Business**
  - A. Discuss/Act on Fire District Health Insurance Percentage Rate for 2013. **Mr. Rahn made a motion to approve the Fire District Health Insurance Rate of 80% for 2013, seconded by Mr. Schindler.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
  - B. Discuss/Act on Repainting of Medic 4. Chief Merryfield does not have the information from MedTec as to what they will pay for repainting Medic 4. **Mr. Rahn made a motion to table Repainting of Medic 4 to November Board Meeting, seconded by Mr. Solberg.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
  - C. Discuss/Act on Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention. Discussion on the hand out on the position of Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention. Mr. Andersen explained on how the position started and now became the Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention position. **Mr. Steinmetz made a motion to approve the Deputy Chief of Fire Prevention position requirements, seconded by Mr. Rahn.** Motion carried on a roll call vote. (1 nay, Mr. Schindler)
  - D. Discuss Amendment to SOP100 on Volunteer Apprenticeship. Chief Merryfield explained the proposal to Amend SOP100 on Volunteer Apprenticeship. **Mr. Downey made a motion to approve the Amendment to SOP100, seconded by Mr. Steinmetz.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
  - E. Discuss/Act on Request to Open Career Bargaining Agreement with Rita Erickson. Rita Erickson, Administrative Assistant, requested to open her bargaining agreement. Ms. Erickson presented an agreement with the wage and WRS benefit change. **Mr. Downey made a motion to approve the agreement for Rita Erickson, Administrative Assistant, for 2013 and 2014, seconded by Mr. Rahn.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

- F. Discuss/Act on the Purchase of 500 Watt Scene Lights for Engine 1. Mr. Chuck Smith updated the status of the lights on Engine 1. **Mr. Steinmetz made a motion to approve the purchase of scene lights for Engine 1, seconded by Mr. Downey.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
8. **Approve Checks and Financial Statement: Mr. Downey made a motion to approve the Checks and Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Solberg.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
9. **Account Adjustments: None**
10. **Chiefs Report:** Chief Merryfield reported on the following: 1. Five candidates were interviewed by the Fire Commission for the open full time FF/Paramedic position. Joshua Bodette was hired and started working October 1, 2012. 2. Run volume is at 16.8% over last year. 1248 calls in 2011 and currently we are at 1458. 3. 13 working structure fires so far this year, this is double our average. 4. Chiefs hiring process had station tours on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and interviews on October 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Josephs Hospital. Fire Commission meets on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to announce their decision. 5. Pump testing and repairs of all engines was completed last week by Emergency Apparatus.
11. **Comments from Board Members:** Mr. Downey commented on the concern of ownership of property bought by stations. Mr. Schindler asked of Station 2 received boots.
12. **Mr. Rahn 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. Downey.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote. Convened at 21:10.
13. **Mr. Rahn made a motion to re-convene to open session to announce any action taken, seconded by Mr. Schindler.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote. No action taken. Re-convened at 21:15.
14. **Adjournment: Mr. Downey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rahn.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 21:16.

Minutes Submitted By:

Rita Erickson, Recording Clerk