

**Chippewa Fire District Board Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 2024, at 17:30 – Howard Fire Station 6**

1. **Meeting called to order by Mr. Staber** per Chapter 19.84 of the Wisconsin State Statutes at 17:30.
2. **Roll Call:** The following members answered present: Mr. Rod Eslinger, Mr. Gary Spilde, Mr. Dave Staber, and Mr. Tom Zwiefelhofer.
3. **Approve Minutes:** **Mr. Spilde made a motion to approve the July 23, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Eslinger.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
4. **Public Comments:** Town of Howard residents commented on the brush fire inspection fee and the guidelines.
5. **Old Business:**
  - A. Discuss/Act on LOSA Meeting Results and Continued Funding. Mr. Staber gave an update on the meeting that took place with Attorney Salm and the LOSA trustees. Discussion on ways to correct issues of eligibility and funding. **Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to table this for the September meeting, seconded by Mr. Spilde.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
6. **New Business:**
  - A. Discuss/Act on Fire Inspection Fee. Discussion on the concerns for agriculture property owners not being able to burn when they want and paying a fee every time they burn. Mr. Bernette stated the current guidelines are being reviewed.
  - B. Discuss/Act on CPI Rate for EMS Charges on Levy Worksheet. Mr. Eslinger and Mr. Andersen presented the Municipal Levy Limit Worksheet and explained how the Towns and Village will need to pass a Resolution, so each entity has the option to use the worksheet for debt. **Mr. Eslinger made a motion to approve the Municipal Levy Limit Worksheet CPI plus 2%, seconded by Mr. Spilde.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
  - C. Discuss/Act on Preliminary 2025 Fire District Budget. Discussion on the direction and potential changes for the EMS income. **Mr. Eslinger made a motion to table this for the September meeting, seconded by Mr. Spilde.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
  - D. Discuss/Act on SOP 110, EMS Shift Compensation. Review of the highlighted additions. **Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to approve SOP 110 as presented, seconded by Mr. Eslinger.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
  - E. Discuss/Act on SOP 111, Paid on Call Compensation. Review of the highlighted additions and deletions. **Mr. Spilde made a motion to approve SOP 111 as presented, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
7. **Approve Checks and Financial Statement:** **Mr. Spilde made a motion to approve Checks and Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Eslinger.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
8. **Chief's Report:** Report Attached.
9. **Comments from Board Members:** Mr. Staber stated Hwy X is open. Mr. Spilde stated 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue is open.
10. **Next Meeting:** September 17, 2024, at 17:30-Lafayette Fire Station 3.
11. **Adjourn:** **Mr. Eslinger made a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 19:01.

Draft minutes to be approved at the September 17, 2024, Meeting.

Minutes Submitted by:  Rita Erickson, Administrative Assistant