

**Chippewa Fire District Board Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2024, at 17:30 – Lafayette Fire Station 3**

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. Eslinger made a motion to approve the August 20, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
4. **Public Comments:** None.
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. Discuss/Act on LOSA Meeting Results and Continued Funding. Discussion on the information provided by the LOSA committee with Attorney Mike Salm. Further meetings will need to be held to address ways to solve this matter.
 - B. Discuss/Act on Preliminary 2025 Fire District Budget. Discussion on the CPI+2% and overall increase of the budget. Mr. Eslinger made a motion to table this item for the October Meeting, seconded by Mr. Spilde. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
6. **New Business:**
 - A. Discuss/Act on Fire Special Exemption Permit. Discussion on the revisions to the burning regulations for Agricultural Land. Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to approve the Burning Regulations as presented, seconded by Mr. Spilde. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. The VFW has a special exemption to burn flags.
 - B. Discuss/Act on Ambulance Update. Mr. Bernette updated the Board on the current ambulance status and future planning for the next ambulance purchase. Mr. Spilde made a motion to approve getting a quote for financing the ambulance for the October meeting, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer. Motion carried on a unanimous voice 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. Zwiefelhofer asked about the Townships joining the District. Mr. Staber stated that there are more discussions to come. Mr. Spilde asked about which budget to take to his Board.
10. **Next Meeting:** October 15, 2024, at 17:30-Chippewa Fire District Station 1.
11. **Adjourn:** Mr. Spilde made a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 18:53.

Draft minutes to be approved at the October 15, 2024, Meeting.

Minutes Submitted by:  Rita Erickson, Administrative Assistant