

**Chippewa Fire District Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 15, 2024, at 17:30 – Chippewa Fire District 1**

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 September 17, 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. Mr. Staber stated that we would have to wait until next year until exact figures from LOSA were received.
  - B. Discuss/Act on Preliminary 2025 Fire District Budget. Discussion on the 5.2% and holding a special meeting to discuss what will be done with the budget. **Mr. Spilde made a motion to table this item for the November Meeting, seconded by Mr. Eslinger.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
6. **New Business:**
  - A. Discuss/Act on Financing Quote for Ambulance. Mr. Bernette presented the updated quote on financing the new ambulance. **Mr. Eslinger made a motion to approve the financing quote on the ambulance arriving in 2027, seconded by Mr. Spilde.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
  - B. Discuss/Act on Dental/Vision Supplemental Insurance. Mr. Bernette presented to the Board the dental/vision supplemental insurance to be offered to employees. The premium would be the responsibility of the employee. **Mr. Spilde made a motion to approve Dental/Vision Supplemental Insurance, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
  - C. Discuss/Act on 2024 Budget LOSA Payment. Mr. Staber stated per attorney's recommendation to not pay the second half of LOSA, \$25,000, as we will have to pay out the employees that cannot be part of LOSA. Discussion made on waiting a year to reevaluate contributions to LOSA. Mr. Bernette addressed Mr. Matthews comment on money taken away from only volunteers, stating career Mrs. Erickson did not receive a bonus that was requested. **Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to pay former employee LOSA contribution, seconded by Mr. Spilde.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. **Mr. Spilde made a motion to amend the 2024 Budget to exclude \$25,000 LOSA payment, seconded by Mr. Eslinger.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
7. **Approve Checks and Financial Statement:** Duplicate check Bound Tree will be voided, check #37248. **Mr. Eslinger made a motion to approve Checks and Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer.** Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
8. **Chief's Report:** Report Attached.
9. **Comments from Board Members:** Mr. Spilde appreciates what everyone does every day.
10. **Next Meeting:** November 19, 2024, at 17:30-Howard Fire Station 6.
11. **Adjourn:** **Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Mr. Spilde.** Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 18:40.

Draft minutes to be approved at the November 19, 2024, Meeting.

Minutes Submitted by: 

Stephanie Samson, Administrative Assistant