Chippewa Fire District Board Meeting Minutes January 21, 2025, at 17:30 – Chippewa Fire District Station 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 (by phone), Mr. Gary Spilde, Mr. Dave Staber, and Mr. Tom Zwiefelhofer.
- 3. Approve Minutes: Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to approve the December 17, 2024 and January 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Spilde. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
- 4. Public Comments: None.
- 5. Old Business:
 - A. None.
- 6. New Business:
 - A. Discuss/Act on current Fireworks Permit and Inspection Process. Ms. Shervey inspects property prior to the fireworks event and charges a \$95 inspection fee at that time. A permit is given prior to each time an individual will be shooting off fireworks. The inspection fee is charged once per year.
 - B. Discuss/Act on recommendation for ambulance rates per billing company. Mr. Bernette presented the board with the rates recommended by the billing company. Mr. Eslinger made a motion to accept the rate increases that were presented by Chippewa Fire District, seconded by Mr. Spilde. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
 - C. Discuss/Act on new Ambulance and Dive/Command Unit Payment Schedule Options. Mr. Spilde expressed concern in not wanting to spend close to \$8,000.00 interest on a \$20,000.00 loan. Discussion on using Reserve Fund to purchase Dive/Command Unit with intent to replenish. Mr. Spilde made a motion to go with Option #1 New Ambulance Only, seconded by Mr. Eslinger. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
 - D. Discuss/Act on County Wide EMS Meeting that was held on January 8th, 2025. Mr. Staber sees some concerns with outlying areas, like Eagle Point, Boyd and Cornell, and possibly requesting extra services.
- 7. Approve Checks and Financial Statement: Mr. Spilde 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 spoke on new assisted living facilities coming to the area, may be spring of 2025.
- 10. Next Meeting: February 18, 2025, at 17:30 Lafayette Fire Station 3.
- 11. Adjourn: Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Mr. Spilde. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 18:05.

Draft minutes to be approved at the February 18, 2025, Meeting.

Minutes Submitted by:

Stephanie Samson, Administrative Assistant