

**Chippewa Fire District Board Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2025, at 17:30 – Howard Fire Station 6**


1. **Meeting called to order by Mr. Spilde** 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 March 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes and March 31, 2025, Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Staber . Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
4. **Public Comments:** Mr. Zwiefelhofer discussed concerns on the burning regulations along with a few concerned members of the public that attended. One concern mentioned by a citizen was the fees and they already pay enough in taxes.
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. Discuss/Act on LOSA. Mr. Bernette talked about removing the names on the provided list. Mr. Staber approved of removing the names on the provided list, seconded by Mr. Eslinger. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.
6. **New Business:**
 - A. Discuss/Act Closing BMO Savings 7814695570 and transferring funds to BMO Savings 8505400. Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to approve closing BMO Savings 7814695570 and transferring funds to BMO Savings 8505400, seconded by Mr. Eslinger. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
 - B. Discuss/Act on 2024 Audit. Mr. Staber stated that Baumann Associates cost was less than Baker Tilly. After discussion, Mr. Bernette stated he would talk to Rita and see if she would help Cathy Zeinert go through this audit with Baker Tilly. No action was taken.
 - C. Discuss/Act on Resolution 2025 – 1 (EV vehicle fires and annual burning permits. Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to approve Resolution 2025 – 1 Charges for services (EV vehicle fires), seconded by Mr. Eslinger. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.
7. **Approve Checks and Financial Statement:** Mr. Zwiefelhofer 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:** None
10. **Election of Officers:**
 - A. Election of Fire District Chairman. Mr. Spilde made a nomination for Mr. Staber, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer, hearing no other nominations, Mr. Spilde made a motion to close nominations and elect Mr. Staber Chairman, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer. Motion carried on a voice vote.
 - B. Election of Fire District Vice Chairman. Mr. Staber made a nomination for Mr. Spilde to be the Fire District Vice Chairman. Motion carried on a voice vote.
 - C. Election of Fire District Treasurer. Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a nomination for Mr. Eslinger to be the Fire District Treasurer. Motion carried on a voice vote.

D. Election of Fire District Secretary. **Mr. Eslinger made a motion for Mr. Zwiefelhofer to be the Fire District Secretary. Motion carried on voice vote.**

11. **Next Meeting:** May 20, 2025, at 17:30 – Howard Fire Station 6.

12. **Adjourn:** Mr. Staber made a motion to Adjourn, seconded by Mr. Eslinger. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 18:03.

Draft minutes to be approved at the May 20, 2025, Meeting.

Minutes Submitted by:  Cathy Zeinert, Administrative Assistant