

**Chippewa Fire District Board Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 17:30 at Chippewa Fire District Station 1

1. **Meeting called to order by Mr. Staber** per Chapter 19.84 of the Wisconsin State Statutes at 17:32.
2. **Roll Call:** The following members were present: Mr. Gary Spilde, Mr. David Staber, Mr. Tom Zwiefelhofer, and Mr. Rod Eslinger. Mr. Rod Eslinger left the meeting at 18:35.
3. **Approve Minutes:** **Mr. Spilde made a motion to approve the January 20, 2026, Meeting Minutes and February 9, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Eslinger.** Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.
4. **Public Comments:** Mr. Tony Christopherson, representing the Town of Elk Mound, discussed looking into joining ambulance services. Ms. Beth Grassau, One Billing Solutions, talked to the Board Members via Teams Meeting, about what their company could offer the Chippewa Fire District if we were to consider them for all our billing needs.
5. **Old Business:**
  - A. Discuss/Act on Innovation Grant/Efficiency in Operation with the City of Altoona. **Mr. Spilde made a motion to table the Innovation Grant/Efficiency in Operation with the City of Altoona to a Special Meeting, seconded by Mr. Eslinger.** Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.
  - B. Discuss/Act on District Staffing (no Safer Grant for 2026). **Mr. Spilde made a motion to approve District Staffing (no Safer Grant for 2026, seconded by Mr. Eslinger.** Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.
  - C. Discuss/Act on account allocation for Working Capital (Acct. 30000). **Mr. Zwiefelhofer approved taking the \$150,000 from the Working Capital (Acct. 30000) budget line and dividing it up as requested by Chief Bernette, seconded by Mr. Spilde.** Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.
6. **New Business:**
  - A. Discuss/Act on Village of Lake Hallie, invoice 4074, safety building rent for 2025. **Mr. Staber made a motion to approve the Village of Lake Hallie invoice 4074, safety building rent for 2025, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer.** Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.
7. **Approve Checks and Financial Statement:** **Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to approve Checks and Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Spilde.** Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.
8. **Chiefs Report:**
  - A. Chiefs Report. Reports attached.
9. **Comments from Board Members:** Mr. Gary Spilde mentioned what days would work for a Special meeting. The board members decided on February 24, 2026.
10. **Next Meeting: March 17, 2026, at 17:30 – Town of Howard**
11. **Adjourn:** **Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Spilde.** Motion carried on unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 18:45.

Draft minutes to be approved at the March 17, 2026, meeting.

Minutes Submitted by:

  
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