

Chippewa Fire District Board Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 17:00 at Chippewa Fire District Station 1

1. **Meeting called to order by Mr. Staber** per Chapter 19.84 of the Wisconsin State Statutes at 15:00.
2. **Roll Call:** The following members were present: Mr. Gary Spilde, Mr. David Staber, Mr. Tom Zwiefelhofer, and Mr. Rod Eslinger. Mr. Dave Raihle, Raihle Law Offices, was also in attendance. Mr. Mike Golat, Altoona City Administrator, Chief Mark Renderman, Altoona Fire Chief, Mr. Roy Atkinson, Assistant City Administrator, and Altoona Mayor Brendon Pratt were all present. Mr. Dave Staber left the meeting at 17:43.
3. **Public Comments:** No public comments.
4. **New Business:**
 - A. Discuss/Act on the City of Altoona possible Joining the Chippewa Fire District. Mr. Staber stated that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss more opportunities for possibly merging with the City of Altoona. Discussions were had on the budgets between each entity and Chief Renderman stated that he has been working with Chief Bernette closely to bring these numbers together for the Board Members' review. There were many questions and concerns from the Board Members and from attending public members. Some concerns were whether the Chippewa Fire District will remain known as the Chippewa Fire District; how the process of bringing in employees will work; and will the district have to disband as Chippewa Fire District. **Mr. Spilde made a motion to act on the City of Altoona possible Joining the Chippewa Fire District by having a combination meeting with all of the Boards on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Chippewa Fire District for an informational meeting, go back to the Board, then go back to our individual Towns/Village Boards and have an action on that. Then we will come back for the Chippewa Fire District meeting on March 17, 2026, for a decision and this will put us in line with the timeline that Mr. Mike Golat explained, seconded by Mr. Eslinger. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.**
5. **Adjourn:** Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Eslinger. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 18:47.

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

Minutes Submitted by:



Cathy Zeinert
Administrative Assistant