

Chippewa Fire District Board Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 10, 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 17:00.
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, Mr. Tim Lima, Council Person District 2, and Ms. Tina Nelson, Finance Director, were all present.
3. **Public Comments:** Mr. Jon Andersen talked about a few things that were of concern at the last meeting. Some of those concerns were the training level of employees, career employees, the facilities and personnel concerns. A Village of Lake Hallie resident expressed that she hopes everyone is looking at actual facts and not necessarily the mechanics of this.
4. **Old Business:**
 - A. Discuss the City of Altoona possible Joining the Chippewa Fire District. Mr. Mike Golat presented the Board Members and the public with a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation explained the question of why this should be done now. The topics highlighted were:
 - This allows Altoona to transition to full-time 24- hours Fire and EMS coverage.
 - Allows CFD to provide a 3rd duty crew at Station 1 to improve response.
 - Allows both jurisdictions to contain costs going forward.
 - Allows application for the Innovation Grant.
 - Allows CFD to budget for retirement contribution for paid on call employees.
 - Allows grant purchase of capital equipment (ladder/ambulance).
 - And the bottom line is that All Communities can enjoy better service more efficiently.Questions were answered throughout the discussion. It was stated that All of the Town/Village Boards will have to approve for this to pass. This information will be brought to each of the Town/Village Boards within the next week.
5. **Adjourn: Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Eslinger.** Motion carried on unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 17:57.

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

Minutes Submitted by:



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