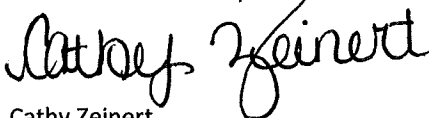


Chippewa Fire District Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 17:30 at Chippewa Fire District Station 1

1. **Meeting called to order by Mr. Staber** per Chapter 19.84 of the Wisconsin State Statutes at 17:30.
2. **Roll Call:** The following members were present: Mr. Rod Eslinger, Mr. Gary Spilde, Mr. Dave Staber, and Mr. Tom Zwiefelhofer.
3. **Approve Minutes:** Mr. Spilde made a motion to approve July 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes, seconded by Mr. Eslinger. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.
4. **Public Comments:** No comments.
5. **Old Business:**
 - A. Discuss/Act on Audit Quotes for 2027. The Board reviewed and discussed the three (3) audit proposals submitted by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, Baumann Associates Ltd., and Baker Tilly for audit services covering the 2026 through 2028 audit years. Mr. Zwiefelhofer made a motion to approve CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to perform the Chippewa Fire District audit, seconded by Mr. Eslinger. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.
6. **New Business:**
 - A. Discuss/Act on Preliminary 2027 Fire District Budget. The Board reviewed the Preliminary 2027 Fire District Budget and will now take it to each of their Town/Village Boards for review.
 - B. Discuss/Act on recommendation to hire an EMS Coordinator for Chippewa County. Discussion was held regarding the recommendation to hire an EMS Coordinator for Chippewa County, and the Board decided they need additional information before making any recommendations. No action was taken.
 - C. Discuss/Act on Selecting a Billing Company for 2027. The Board reviewed and discussed proposals from three (3) Billing Companies submitted by EMSMC, One Billing Solutions, and KOVO RCM. The Board decided they would like to have KOVO RCM come in and present their options. No action was taken.
7. **Approve Checks and Financial Statement:** Mr. Spilde made a motion to approve Checks and Financial Statement, seconded by Mr. Zwiefelhofer. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.
8. **Chiefs Report:**
 - A. Chiefs Report. Reports Attached.
9. **Comments from Board Members:** No comments.
10. **Next Meeting:** September 15, 2026, at 17:30 – Town of Howard
11. **Adjourn:** Mr. Eslinger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Spilde. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 18:23.

Draft minutes to be approved at the September 15, 2026, meeting.

Minutes Submitted by:



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