

**Holmen Area Fire Board
Board Meeting
Holmen Area Fire Department – Meeting Room
April 20, 2017
6:30 pm**

President Bogert called the Holmen Area Fire Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm on April 20, 2017 at the Holmen Area Fire Department Meeting Room.

Board members present by Roll Call: Kathy Warzynski (substituting for Steve Michaels), Jerome Pedretti, Bill Ebner, Chuck Olson, Stan Hauser and Rolly Bogert. Also present was Assistant Fire Chief Bulawa.

Election of Officers was held. Steve Michaels & Rolly Bogert were nominated for Chairman/President. Rolly Bogert elected. Chuck Olson was nominated for Secty/Treasurer. Chuck Olson was elected.

Motion by Jerome Pedretti, Seconded by Bill Ebner to Approve the minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting. Carried.

Chuck Olson gave a recap of our year to date financials. Motion to approve by Bill Ebner, Seconded by Stan Hauser, Carried

Residents Comments: None

Firefighters Comments: None

Assistant Chief Bulawa reported on calls since our February meeting. A total of 99 calls including 74 medical, 14 fire calls and 11 other. Of these calls 60 were in the Village, 22 in the Town of Onalaska and 17 in the Town of Holland.

Assistant Chief Bulawa informed of a number of items happening in the department.

- 1) FF Rec Fund is holding a “Firehouse Family Day” on May 6th. This is replacing the Firefighter’s Dance held in previous years.
- 2) Gave an update on the collaboration with the Brice Prairie First Responders
- 3) Presented a Standard Interview Process document to be used for future applicants
- 4) Explained the Call Back Participation/Training/Meeting Chart
- 5) Gave an update on MABAS first responder agencies accepting the MABAS cards
- 6) Reported two new applicants in process of completing qualifications
- 7) Three company call back system initiated beginning April 1st
- 8) Accepted the resignation of Jason Schott

Assistant Chief Bulawa informed the Board that we recently received a \$500 Grant from Gundersen Health System for an additional AED. Thank you to Lt Kropelin for working for this gift.

Discussion was held regarding the recent 2% dues audit. Both the Boards of the Town of Holland and the Town of Onalaska have agreed to change the manner the rebates received will be transferred to the department to comply with the Audit. The Village of Holmen will take action at their May Board meeting.

Motion was made by Chuck Olson, Seconded by Bill Ebner to accept the 6 month leave of absence for Patrick Fay with the conditions presented. Carried

Discussion was held regarding a mutual aid agreement with the DNR. DNR representative Ralph Sheffer was in attendance and explained the details. Motion by Chuck Olson, Seconded by Bill Ebner to accepted the agreement with the “no pay” clause. Carried

Assistant Chief Bulawa presented a new policy DPL 115/ Progressive Feedback and Discipline. Discussion was held with concern about some of the proposed language. Motion was made by Bill Ebner, Seconded by Stan Hauser to table action until the May Board meeting. Carried

Motion by Stan Hauser and Seconded by Bill Ebner to convene into Closed Session. Roll call vote Carried

The Board shall consider a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation” related to (1) a management position over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion by Bill Ebner and Seconded by Stan Hauser too reconvene in Open Session. Roll call vote. Carried

Motion by Bill Ebner to adjourn, Seconded by Jerome Pedretti. Carried

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