

**Holmen Area Fire Board  
Board Meeting  
Holmen Area Fire Department – Meeting Room  
August 10, 2017  
4:00 pm**

President Bogert called the Holmen Area Fire Board meeting to order at 4:00 pm on August 10, 2017 at the Holmen Area Fire Department Meeting Room.

Board members present by Roll Call: Jerome Pedretti, Kathy Warzynski (substituting for Steve Michaels), Bill Ebner, Chuck Olson, Frank Foegel (substituting for Stan Hauser) and Rolly Bogert. Also present was Fire Chief Menches, Assistant Chief Bulawa, Lt. Kropelin, Lt. Cook, FF Hedledge. Pat Mc Knight, Holmen Courier

Motion by Bill Ebner, Seconded by Jerome Pedretti to Approve the minutes of the July 20, 2017 meeting. Carried.

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

Residents Comments: None

Firefighters Comments: None

Assistant Chief Bulawa reported on calls since our June meeting. A total of 55 calls including 40 medical, 5 fire calls and 10 other. Included in these calls were two traffic accidents involving 2 deaths. There will be critical incident counseling this next week for any personnel feeling they would benefit.

Chief Menches informed the Board of a number of items happening in the department.

- 1) Update was given on the ALM Grant. No results received at this time.
- 2) New building generator is expected to be installed in the next week
- 3) Chief Menches reported two new PTE are now on staff and applications for FTE position are being received
- 4) Chief Menches & Assistant Chief Bulawa presented and explained the quotes received for the new Rescue Squad. Discussion was held regarding the payment schedule and impact on the budget. Action will be taken at the **next board** meeting
- 5) Chief Menches informed the Board of the planned participation by the Department in the various Kornfest activities and the MDA Fill the Boot Campaign
- 6) Chief Menches informed the Board of the resignation of FF Dylan Peterson effective September 15. He is relocating out of our District.

Chief Menches introduced Pat McKnight to present her desire to see our department work toward a coalition of emergency service organization to be trained and prepared for large animal rescue in the event of major disaster such as vehicle accident involving large animals, wildfires

or other evacuations necessary for large animals. She would like to see our department take a leadership role in creating an ad-hoc committee of various organizations within the County to pursue the establishment of a protocol to handle disaster involving large animals.

Discussion was held regarding the need for renovating and/or replacing the current station. A draft plan from 2008 was presented. Consensus was for the Chairman to create a committee to develop a strategic plan for future replacement or renovation of the current station.

A draft 2018 Budget was presented. This budget represents an approximate 26% increase. The largest portions of the increase are due to added full-time staff and capital expenditure for vehicle replacement. Budget discussion will continue at the September meeting.

Motion by Jerome Pedretti was made to go into Closed Session. Seconded by Frank Foegel.  
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 a management position over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion by Chuck Olson Seconded by Bill Ebner to go into Open Session

Motion was made by Chuck Olson to impose a contract suspension of a period of 10 days and for the suspension to be unpaid and to be documented with notice to Chief Menches that any subsequent like violation of Department Rules and Regulations or codes of conduct may result in further penalty, up to and including, termination of his contract with the Association. Motion was Seconded by Frank Foegel. Motion was carried unanimously.

Motion by Chuck Olson to adjourn, Seconded by Jerome Pedretti. Carried