

May 13, 2024 Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

The May Fire Commission Meeting was called to order by Assistant Fire Chief Ed Quigley at 6:30 pm. Attendees: Jim Hanneman (Town of Poygan), Dale Burghardt (Town of Winneconne), Mike Bouras (Village of Winneconne), Battalion Chief of EMS Brian Miller and Assistant Fire Chief Ed Quigley. January Fire Commission meeting minutes were reviewed by members present, motion made by Jim Hanneman and seconded by Dale Burghardt to accept the meeting minutes as read, motion carried.

Public comment: Jim Hanneman attended the Washington DC capital lobbying for betterment of First Responders, transportation and farm issues. He brought back topics as follows: replacing PFAS material in firefighting foam with soybean material. A First responder housing act and paying money to volunteers, was brought up for discussion by the Federal and State representatives. Future pay to EMS in the Fire District was briefly discussed by Jim and Dale, stating budgets would have to be re-evaluated to manage potential salaries. Wisconsin Town Association holds zoom meetings regularly if interested in participating, speak to Jim Hanneman.

Department Operations: All ARPA funds have been received from all three municipalities. Invoices of items purchased by WPDFD will be sent to each municipality upon receipt of items purchased.

EMS: update from an email from OFD Chief Dressler regarding switching from LifePak AED's to Zoll AED's which means our Defib pads are no longer compatible. Also, they will not be able to replace our pads which means we will be responsible for purchasing new pads at approx cost of \$38 each. Most pads expire prior to use. The cost to switch defibs to Zoll is not cost effective now but may be looked at in the future. Nate Edelbeck of WPDFD is picking up O2 bottles from AirGas instead of going to OFD which saves department travel time. AirGas hydrotests and fills bottles under Oshkosh's filling contract. In-House EMS recertification classes are taking place and going well. There is no new information on the future Ambulance Agreement.

Fire: at the upcoming Chief's meeting in June, a Liason with OFD will be requested, due to lack of communication. The sheriff has put out a request for bids for Husky airboats and Thousand Island boats has responded. Chief Krings will be involved in input for potential new boats. Unsure if a new airboat will be purchased prior to winter.

No incident reports are available at this time. 149 total calls to date

Other Business: Mike Bouras spoke with WPD Chief Sauriol and recommended setting up a Mass Casualty Drill with EMS, Fire and PD. Future event to be discussed. The village of

Winneconne will be purchasing two life preservers to place at the Piers due to the recent boat incident.

Motion made by Dale Burghardt to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mike Bouras, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Eigner