

□ **September 9, 2024, Fire Commission Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Paul Olson (Village of Winneconne), Jim Hannemann (Town of Poygan), Marty Johnson (Town of Poygan), John Meyerhofer (Town of Poygan), Dale Burgardt (Town of Winneconne), Mike Bouras (Village of Winneconne), Jackie Stelzner (Village of Winneconne), Steve Foster (Village of Winneconne), Todd Nagler EMS Battalion Chief, Assistant Fire Chief Ed Quigley, Chief Kevin Allcox, Michelle Eigner Administrative Assistant

The Fire Commission minutes for the July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting was reviewed by members present. A motion was made by Mike Bouras and seconded by Jim Hanneman to accept the July meeting minutes as read; motion carried.

**Public Comments:** Jim Hanneman requested the WPFD website be updated with new personnel names. Chief Allcox will discuss with department IT staff to make changes if needed.

**Department Operations:** Chicken Fun night fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> 5-9 pm at The Fin and Feather.

**Grants:** Thank you, Townships and Village for the ARPA fund money, all items have been purchased and put in use. No new Grants currently.

**EMS:** New Battalion Chief Todd Nagler was introduced to the Board members. Current EMS membership is 13. A new EMS member started class last week. The entire department is working on recruitment ideas. CPR recertification will be held at the September meeting and we will be working on a schedule to continue in house recertification. A meeting was held tonight in the Town of Omro regarding the Ambulance agreement and will be also held Thursday this week in the City of Oshkosh. Assistant Fire Chief Ed Quigley spoke regarding a few options proposed. Discussion held.

**Fire:** Current membership is 38, with a maximum of 50 members. One new Fire member has joined and is taking the entry level class. Training Center Phase Two project plans are on hold but are scheduled to be discussed later this fall. PMs on Rescue 28 have been completed and NFPA standards have been met. DOT stickers are now current on Rescue 28. The batteries on Engine 128 are old but there is no plan to change them unless they pose a problem. County Air Boat construction through Thousand Island Boats has begun with a potential completion date by Christmas for two boats.

The 2025 Proposed Budget was reviewed with the members present. No budget increase will be requested. Some money will be reallocated from previous Telephone expenses to Professional Fees to help update our computers in the department.

Hwy 116 Road Construction project reviewed. Wesner Road Bridge project also discussed.

Winneconne Kindergarten classes will be coming to Station 28 for a tour on Wednesday October 2nd for Fire Prevention Week.

Retention and Recruitment has become a department focus for Chief Allcox. WPFD will be working on ideas to recruit members starting with "Touch a Truck" and an EMS booth on Main St for Winneconne Fall Fest. A "Help Wanted" sign will be placed on Station's Lawn.

Reports: 276 calls YTD of which 207 are EMS

Several Fire nuisance calls relating to Village burning ordinances were discussed. Police Chief Sauriol will be placing an article in the Winneconne News reviewing the Village Burning Ordinances to help deter calls to the Fire Department.

The Year End report will be provided in January.

Motion made by Mike Bouras and seconded by Dale Burghart to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Eigner.