

January 13, 2025, Fire Commission Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mike Bouras (Village of Winneconne), John Meyerhofer (Town of Poygan), Jackie Stelzner (Village of Winneconne), Assistant Fire Chief Ed Quigley, Dale Burghart (Town of Winneconne), Administrative Assistant Michelle Eigner and Chief Kevin Allcox.

The January Fire Commission Meeting was called to order by Chief Kevin Allcox at 6:32 pm. November meeting minutes were reviewed, and a motion was made by Dale Burghart and seconded by Mike Bouras to accept the meeting minutes as read, motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Department Operations: Chicken Fun Night fundraiser will be Wednesday January 29th 5-9 pm at the Fin and Feather. Grant money from the ARPA funds has all been received and spent. Thank you for all the support. New grants will be applied for in the near future upon updating of online Federal information.

EMS: In House recertification is currently in process. A new online video process is being looked into for future education for both EMS and Fire to provide more current education material. Currently there are 13 First Responders, six new members are in EMR class which would put our Max roster number above 20 but “that’s a good thing to have”. Pagers, radios, defibs and high Viz jackets will be provided for new members. Bayley Weber, our newest First Responder, is licensed and able to start going on calls. The County supervisor has approved a study on a County wide ambulance service. Chief Stanley from the City of Oshkosh has resigned and a new City Administrator is also being hired. A follow-up meeting for the Ambulance Agreement will be held Thursday January 30th at 6 pm at the Omro Town Hall.

Fire: Current membership is 38 with a max of 50. Our new EMS members potentially may get involved on the Fire side as well. January Fire Training will be CPR training for Firefighters. Over the course of the year, several combined training courses with both Fire and EMS members, have been scheduled and completed. Batteries will be replaced on Engine 128 which may be at End of Life. The In-House emergency Generator had a few failures which were replaced. Remote controls for the Overhead doors in the Bay were in poor condition, preventative maintenance was done on all doors and remotes. Winter operations were discussed by Assistant Chief Quigley.

Budget: Year End budget reviewed with those present. Insurance spending/premiums have increased significantly. The Chief would like to meet with the Insurance representative to discuss possible changes to our policy. Salary and Payroll taxes also

increased due to unpaid taxes in 2019 and 2020 which were paid showing an increase in spending over the past year.

General operations: WPFD's 2% Dues certification has been completed. The Village and Town clerks have been notified to complete their portion of the certification. An audit is being done on January 29th for 2% dues in house.

Printer issues at the Station have been a hinderance for the past several months, along with computer problems in the Chief's office. A new computer and printer will be installed.

Incident Reports: Total calls for 2024 were 419, 303 were EMS/Rescue. See chart for details.

WPFD Year End report was reviewed by the members present. No questions from Commission members. Chief Allcox will send the Year End report to Clerks for them to distribute to their committee members.

Motion made by Mike Bouras to adjourn the January Fire Commission meeting, seconded by Dale Burghart, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Eigner