

Minutes of Ripon Area Fire District Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Ripon Area Fire District was called to order at 7:02 PM on July 6, 2010 by President Joel Brockman. Members Lyndon Luker, Gary Page, Dan Johnson, were present. Also present were Jim Werch for Dan Luskey, Jane Schueler for Barb Miller, Deputy Chief Mark Sabel, and legal counsel Steve Sorenson. Howard Hansen was not in attendance.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Lyndon Luker, Second Gary Page and passed 5-0.

Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Gary Page seconded by Lyndon Luker and passed 5-0.

Treasurer's report was presented for review. President Brockman noted grant money was received from Fond du Lac County for radios previously purchased. A motion to approve the treasurer report including payment of outstanding bills was made by Lyndon Luker and seconded by Gary Page, passed 5-0.

President Brockman explained a request to autopay utilities bills for the district. Jane Schueler motioned to authorized automatic payment of bills from Alliant Energy, CenturyLink, and Charter to start in August. The motion was seconded by Gary Page and passed 5-0.

The management letter associated with the annual audit was distributed and the President directed the Treasurer to set up a review of the audit for the members with the auditors preferable just prior to the next regular meeting on August 3rd at 6:30 PM.

Next members discussed the fire call charges on a fire at Lester Baird's. It was clarified intentionally set fires, as in a burn barrel fire, are subject to the entire call charges. President Brockman will follow up with Lester Baird on the determination made.

Deputy Chief Mark Sabel presented his report on calls and equipment status. Firefighter physicals were discussed by Deputy Chief Sabel and the hospital recommendation the RAFD set a standard for firefighters to present to their doctors next year. Deputy Chief Sabel will find two firefighters to work with Gary Page and Barb Miller along with hospital staff and a physician to develop the standard.

Deputy Chief Sabel then asked if the aerial fire truck could be used for the annual cookie daze festival. Motion by Jane Schueler and second by Jim Werch to allow this use passed 5-0.

President Brockman shared information all 1st round fire inspections have been completed and re-inspections are scheduled for July 14th. One complaint was received for the inspector starting without the knowledge of the owner. Jane Schueler questioned the number of hours for the inspections. Joel will find this information and report at next regular meeting. It was also noted a response is still needed for CJ on a question from a previous inspection.

Copies of preliminary board policy book is to be distributed to members by attorney Sorenson for review at a special meeting tentatively set for July 20th @ 7:00 PM at fire station. This is to be a work session.

The City of Ripon department of public works union wishes to hold a meeting at the fire station. Deputy Chief Sabel to make arrangements.

President Brockman explained the Northeast door is not able to lock as the building has shifted. Joel will discuss with Bill Boesch and then take to building general contractor Cardinal.

Rick Mlodzik presented a letter requesting a leave of absence from the fire department for an open ended period. This was read to members and then passed on to Deputy Chief Sabel.

President Brockman asked for future agenda items and attorney Sorenson advised the State may consider changing the mandatory training to 120 hours. More information to follow.

Adjourned to closed session under WI Statutes 19.85(1)(c) "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conduction other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" RE: Deliberate Fire Commission Action on Chiefs status and future actions required in relation to the Commission's Actions on a motion by Lyndon Luker and second by Gary Page passed 5-0.