

Fire District Minutes
April 6, 2010

Present: Brockman, Page, Luker, Pape, Stoeberl, Johnson, Miller, Deputy Chief Sabel (ex officio), Attorney Sorenson, members of the public, Firefighter/Fire Inspector Donovan, and the Ripon Channel

The meeting was called to order by President Pape at 7:06 p.m.

1. The secretary's report was distributed via email and hard copy at the meeting. Motion (Brockman/Luker) to approve the secretary's report as distributed passes 7-0.
2. The treasurer's report was distributed via email and hard copy at the meeting. Johnson noted that the capital projects fund is now just the equipment replacement fund. In addition, there is a lag in income, as some inspections were done in 2009 but billings were sent out in 2010. Our accounting practices are based on when the bills are sent out. Brockman expressed appreciation for Mashack's notations (that the mileage specifically indicates for whom and what purpose a trip was for). Luker asked if Baycom was Harkcom, and that is correct, Harkcom was purchased by Baycom. Luker asked about the monthly contract charges for radios and if those costs have gone up. Johnson will get back to us if that cost has changed. Motion (Miller/Brockman) to approve the treasurer's report passes 7-0.
3. Under communications, motion (Brockman/Luker) to commend Mr. Stoeberl for his 8 years of service to the Fire District passes 6-0-1 with Stoeberl abstaining.
4. The Deputy Chief's report was distributed at the meeting. Sabel reviewed all of the calls for the past month. Several Board members had questions about specific calls. Sabel noted that the Polaris pump was cracked and needed to be replaced, that new firefighters were doing hazmat classes in Neenah, and that MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) is moving forward. Several questions about MABAS were answered by Sabel. Pape noted that several complaints came in from local business owners about being inspected too close together compared to their previous inspection. Firefighter/Fire Inspector Donovan explained that these were reinspections, and also an attempt to get caught up, at the same time, and get back on a regular six-month schedule. Several clarifying questions were posed to her. Pape asked if she knew which specific businesses needed to be inspected twice a year, and Donovan indicated she was not certain. Stoeberl noted that it should be fair and that everyone gets inspected and charged the same as others. Johnson noted that there may be some value to inspections being random and also based on availability. Sorenson noted that this would be an appropriate item for the policies and procedures sub-committee to review and recommend specific sub-policies. Motion (Stoeberl/Brockman) to approve the Deputy Chief's report passes 7-0.

5. On the item of fire commission creation update, Sorenson noted that we are very close, and that Town of Ripon Attorney Kilgore and he need to clarify a few items, but expects it to be approved by next week.
6. Sorenson noted that we need to establish a special meeting for an amendment to the by-laws, to establish a by-law that will allow us to establish a policies and procedures section under the by-laws. The Board recommends that Stoeberl, Dan Oakes, and the rest of the sub-committee meet prior to the May meeting of the Board.
7. Motion (Stoeberl/Luker) to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. passes 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Brockman
Board Secretary