Town of Algoma Fire Department
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2023

- Chief Sawicki called the Town of Algoma Fire Department Monthly Business Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- Roll call taken with 11 members present.
- Sheriff's Deputies not present.
- Fire department secretary's report dated February 8, 2023, approved.
- Fire department treasurer's report was read and approved.
- Training Officer Report
  - If any first responders want to attend any of the drills, you are welcome to attend.
  - There is training at the TIME Theatre on Sunday, March 12 - search and rescue and engine operations, cost is $40. Notify Chief Sawicki if interested in attending.
- Truck Report
  - When doing truck checks open and close all valves, including pneumatic valves.
  - The gauges on the squad (in the compartment) are not working.
  - April 11, 2023 is the pumping test on E21 and R21 and DOT inspection on E21, R21, and T21.
- Safety Committee Report
  - Nothing new.
- First Responder Report
  - For A and B calls, two people per call respond, for C and D, four people respond; E is everyone at a residence or four at a facility (i.e., nursing home, rehabilitation center, dialysis center). O is paramedic only, so generally we will not be paged. If you know you need additional help with a lift assist, ask com center to page for additional assistance.
  - If going to sick person calls, use masks, googles, and gloves. At facilities we still need to wear masks. Use your own discretion at other locations.
- Chief's Report
  - If you are interested in going to town board meetings, they are at 6pm on the third Wednesday of the month.
  - Chief Sawicki is ordering a foam cannon for the pressure washer for washing the trucks.
- Old Business
  - Firehouse Subs Grant
    - We will submit the Firehouse Subs Grant next time; it opens April 6, 2023.
    - Melissa Rasmussen has the quote for the air compressor. She will verify she has all of the other information she needs.
  - EMS Grant
    - Five radios were bought with the grant (and the town bought five). Also purchased other first responder gear such as pressure cuffs.
    - The town is against increasing on-call pay for one year. Chief Sawicki and Melissa wrote up an addendum to change spending some of our grant money allocated for on-call pay to a station pick-up truck; it was approved.
  - Extrication Equipment
    - Chief Sawicki is looking into mounting brackets for the Squad.
  - 2023 Fundraising.
    - Chief Sawicki will create a donation request letter in the near future. Contact him if you will help get donations. Also, would like to send postcards to all businesses and residents asking for donations.
    - The open house is May 20, 2023.
    - There is a group of people working on organizing the open house. If you would like to help, contact Chief Sawicki, Melissa Rasmussen, or Glenn Demler.

    - The station will be cleaned/organized a few weeks before and the trucks cleaned the week before.
  - Fire Department Donations
    - If you have any ideas for what to buy with the memorial money, gather information and share with Chief Sawicki. Discussed new Mustang suits.
    - Possibly we will get a plaque for the town hall to recognize sizeable donations such as memorials.
  - Equipment Purchases
    - Josh Drexler is getting a quote for webbing and carabiners.
    - The chainsaw on the grass rig does not run well – often the plug needs to be pulled because it sits so much, and it spits oil. Keith Breu made a motion to spend up to $600 of fundraising money to buy another battery-operated saw, second by Don Davis; motion passed unanimously. Mark Thompson will purchase the saw.
    - Mark Thompson made a motion to spend up to $2000 of fundraising money on two Mustang suits, second by Josh Drexler; motion passed unanimously. Chief Sawicki will purchase the suits.
    - Additional cribbing will be purchased or made for the squad.
- New Business
  - Appreciation Dinner
    - Appreciation Dinner is Saturday, April 29, 2023. Chief Sawicki checked with The Bar, and they have the room available. The consensus was to have it at The Bar.
    - Keith Breu made a motion to spend up to $2000 of fundraising money on the appreciation dinner; discussed using budget money to pay for the dinner and using fundraising money to buy tools/gifts for the members; Keith Breu modified his motion to spend up to $2000 of fundraising money on tools/gifts, second by Adam Kinderman; motion passed unanimously.
    - Motion by Lisa Breu that we spend up to $200 of fundraising money on a retirement gift for Chief Groth, second by Ginny Braun; motion passed unanimously.
  - EMS BOD Nomination
    - We have an open BOD position for a First Responder representative.
    - Scott Rasmussen nominated Josh Drexler, second by Melissa Rasmussen; Glenn Demler nominated Tyler Downs, second by Kevin Sawicki; nominations closed.
    - Voting will be at the second March drill on March 20, 2023.
- Membership Forum
  - When the flags need to be at half-staff a message will be sent out (likely from Lisa Breu or Jeff Miller). Anyone can raise or lower the flags. The tool is by the West door. If you need instructions on how to raise or lower, ask Keith Breu, Lisa Breu, or Jeff Miller. Discussed using a simple message of when the flags need to be up and down.
- Membership Update
  - Craig Downs and Stefan Sebastiani are new probationary members.
- Correspondence
  - None.
- The next drill is Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:30pm.
- Motion by Keith Breu to adjourn, second by Mark Thompson; motion passed unanimously.

End of Meeting at 8:01 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Lisa Breu