Town of Algoma Fire Department
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2023

- Chief Sawicki called the Town of Algoma Fire Department Monthly Business Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- Roll call was taken with 19 members present.
- Sheriff's Deputies not present.
- Fire department secretary's report dated August 9, 2023, approved.
- Fire department treasurer's report was read and approved.
- Training Officer Report
  - The next training is September 18, 2023.
  - We will probably do extrication training with the new equipment in September.
- Truck Report
  - The oil pressure sensor on R21 was replaced.
  - Make sure all windows (except the driver's window are rolled up).
  - Tires will be replaced on the Rescue. Also looking at the Engine and the Tender.
- Safety Committee Report
  - Nothing new, meeting next week.
- First Responder Report
  - Training at drill next week.
- Chief's Report
  - Pick-up truck/Utility 21 will be completed in the next few months.
  - Rennert's provided a quote for refurbishing E21 at approximately $270,000.
  - There is a town budget meeting next week. The cost of ambulance service will be increasing, which may affect our budget.
  - Let your officer know if you will not be able to attend training, meetings, or special events.
  - Only officers can call off other people on first responder calls unless the paramedics tell you to call others off.
- Old Business
  - Firehouse Subs Grant
    - The bottles for the air system are here. A quote for the electrical is in process. Once that is complete, the compressor will be installed, and we will be trained.
  - EMS Grant
    - We are close to spending the rest of the money.
  - Car Show
    - The car show went well. We had about 110 cars participate. We sold 462 of the 500 raffle tickets.
    - The profit is $14,729.98. There was a lot of donated money from sponsors and attendees.
  - Equipment Purchases
    - The hose bed covers are damaged. Discussed that this may be part of a refurbishment.
    - Tyler Downs looked into pricing for 10-, 8- and 6-foot New York hooks. We have a 4-foot New York hook, and it seems to work well. The 6' New York hook costs $131.33 each.
      - Motion by Adam Kindermann to spend up to $500 of fundraising money on three New York hooks, second by Kevin Sawicki; motion passed.
    - Tyler Downs looked into pricing of a stokes basket. They range in price from $350 to $1000. We may need one that folds or splits in half to fit on the Squad. Tyler will look into the price.
    - Tyler Downs looked into helmets for ice rescue. The helmets have the provisions to mount lights to them. It is also now recommended to wear a life vest with the ice rescue

suit. Our current life vests for shore support are old. We currently have seven mustang suits. Discussed getting enough helmets and life vests for the mustang suits we have and replacing the shore life vests. Tyler will look into options for helmet lighting and getting samples to look at as well as pricing.
    - The Squad has equipment for CO calls except it doesn't have a fan.
        - Motion by Mark Thompson to spend up to $4300 of fundraising money on a Blowhard fan, second by Tyler Henthorn; motion passed.
    - Chief Sawicki and Tyler Downs looked into thermal imaging cameras. There was a K33 demo unit at the station and the meeting. The quote for the K33 is $3308.50. We also have a quote for the K55, which has more features, for $4620.95.
        - Motion by Don Davis to spend up to $10,000 of fundraising money to purchase two K55 thermal imaging cameras with chargers and lanyards, second by Tyler Downs; motion passed. This Andreini family donation will be used for this.
- Recruitment/Retention
    - Nothing new.
- Truck/Equipment Committee Meeting
    - This was discussed under the Chief's report.
- Pancake Breakfast
    - The pancake breakfast is Sunday October 1. Be there between 6-6:30am. Setup will be Saturday morning at 8am.
    - Melissa Rasmussen looked into getting a shadow box in honor of Sandra Andreini. We will also get flowers to put by the shadow box.
- 2024 Fundraising
    - We will discuss this next month.
- New Business
    - Department Video
        - A local videographer offered to make a several-minute video promoting our department. We can then post it on the Facebook page and the town website.
- Membership Forum
    - Chief Sawicki and Tyler Downs looked at a new type of turnout gear. As we purchase new gear, we may go to this INNOTEX gear. There was a demo set at the meeting and will be at the station. Look at it and provide feedback.
- Membership Update
    - Glenn Demler is back as a driver for the fire department.
    - Tanner Harrington has resigned as a first responder and captain. He is still a fire fighter and will run fire inspections.
    - Don Davis has been promoted to captain.
- Correspondence
    - None.
- The next drill is Monday, September 18, 2023, at 6:30pm.
- Motion by Keith Breu to adjourn, second by Mark Thompson; motion passed unanimously.

End of Meeting at 8:13 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Lisa Breu