Town of Algoma Fire Department
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2023

- Chief Sawicki called the Town of Algoma Fire Department Monthly Business Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- Roll call was taken with 12 members present.
- Sheriff's Deputies not present.
- Fire department secretary's report dated September 13, 2023, approved.
- Fire department treasurer's report was read and approved.
- Training Officer Report
  - The next training is October 16, 2023.
  - We may have a Saturday extrication training in December.
- Truck Report
  - There is a small leak on the hydraulic tool on R21. We are getting some replacement parts.
  - Make sure all windows (except the driver's window) are rolled up and the headlights are turned on when parking the trucks.
  - If the trucks are dirty, wash them.
  - Grass 21 will be winterized once it gets below freezing.
- Safety Committee Report
  - Hold your weight challenge will start in November and end in January.
  - Looking into the cost of exhaust extrication.
  - First responder jackets were selected earlier in the year. With it getting colder, those will be purchased.
- First Responder Report
  - John Bell resigned from the department.
- Chief's Report
  - There will be a new e-mail system set up and everyone will get a department email.
  - There will be a CAD button added to Image Trend to pull in run data.
  - Clean the station when you are there (i.e., before drill, for a call). Garbage and Recycling goes out on Thursday.
  - The garage doors will be serviced in the near future.
  - Squad extrication equipment will get it's annual maintenance soon.
  - The school visit will be October 24, 7am-2pm. Looking for a few more people to help. If you are available, contact Chief Sawicki.
  - Chief Sawicki has hand-outs with information on the service award program. There have been changes to the program since we started it. There is a death and dismemberment benefit. There is also a Federal Program for LODD benefits.
- Old Business
  - Firehouse Subs Grant
    - Waiting for the compressor to arrive.
  - EMS Grant
    - The money has been spent. The installation of the topper and storage bin is complete on the Utility.
  - Equipment Purchases
    - Nothing.
  - Recruitment/Retention
    - A local videographer offered to make a several-minute video promoting our department. Several interviews have been done and he will be at the next drill to take video. This will be posted on the Facebook page and town website.
  - Truck/Equipment Committee Meeting
    - Nothing new.

    - Pancake Breakfast
        - The pancake breakfast was successful, we served 548 people. Thanks to everyone for your help.
        - Discussed removing tables and going back to starting at 7am.
    - 2024 Fundraising
        - Next month we need to set dates for 2024 events (open house, car show, pancake breakfast) if we want to advertise in the tax bills.
- Department Video
    - Covered under Recruitment/Retention.
- New Business
    - None.
- Membership Forum
    - Glenn Demler has been contacted by Southwest Rotary for their holiday drive. We will vote on this next month.
    - Do the First Responders want to re-start the First Responder of the Year award?
- Membership Update
    - John Bell has resigned from the department.
    - Ryan Knaggs is a new probationary Fire Fighter.
- Correspondence
    - Oshkosh Community Church dropped off a thank you note and snack basket for our service to the community.
- The next drill is Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:30pm.
- Motion by Mark Thompson to adjourn, second by Ron Patt; motion passed unanimously.

End of Meeting at 7:59 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Lisa Breu