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

- Assistant Chief Breu called the Town of Algoma Fire Department Monthly Business Meeting to order at 7:03 PM.
- Roll call was taken with 17 members present.
- Sheriff's Deputies not present.
- Fire department secretary's report dated November 8, 2023, approved.
- Fire department treasurer's report was read and approved.
- Training Officer Report
  - At the next training, an outside vendor will train on meters.
  - Jeff Miller has been in contact with the DMV regarding traffic incident management training. This will be a four-hour class and will probably occur in February. Discussed having it on a Saturday or two Mondays. If you have input on your preference, provide it to Josh.
  - With the meter training at the next drill, the teambuilding will be moved to January.
- Truck Report
  - G21 will probably be winterized, and the lines blown out on S21 on December 13, 2023.
  - The wireless hot spot battery was replaced on R21.
  - The garage door opener by the rescue has been replaced and a new opener remote is in R21.
  - The station compressor has been re-connected, so the trucks have air.
  - E21 will probably be sent out for rework of key systems in January.
- Safety Committee Report
  - Hold your weight challenge is on-going. Weigh-out is at January's business meeting. The goal is to maintain your weight within a pound over the holidays.
- First Responder Report
  - The WEMSA conference is in February in Green Bay. There is information posted at the station. If you are interested in attending, contact Glenn Demler.
  - If you change from the primary radio channel to a TAC channel, stay on the primary channel until you are on scene.
  - Drive safely and responsibly to calls. In winter be cautious of roads and parking lots.
- Chief's Report
  - Thanks to everyone for your commitment – we have had a year of good attendance, effort, and working together.
  - We will be training with Omro FD throughout 2024.
  - If there is anything you would like to see changed or added at the department or with operations, let Chief Sawicki or your officer know.
- Old Business
  - Firehouse Subs Grant
    - The compressor has arrived. Electrical wiring is complete. Jefferson Fire will be coming soon to finish installation.
  - EMS Grant
    - Wrapping up installation of equipment on the Utility truck.
  - Equipment Purchases
    - Nothing.
  - Recruitment/Retention
    - There will be a Facebook post soon to recruit new members.
  - Truck/Equipment Committee Meeting
    - Refurbishment of the Engine will include primary systems so there are funds to spend on the Tender in 2024 as well.
  - 2024 Fundraising

        - Dates for the car show, open house, and pancake breakfast will be included in the town newsletter sent out with taxes.
        - With the pictures we have from the videographer, we could create a 2025 fundraising calendar.
        - Chief Sawicki brough up having a sportsman's dinner in 2025 for a fundraiser.
    - Southwest Rotary
        - Thanks for donations and help with gift wrapping.
- ISO Report
    - Nothing new.
- New Business
    - Department E-mail
        - Everyone now has a department e-mail. Chief Sawicki will work with everyone to set up your access.
- ARPA Funds/Portable Radio Grant
    - We will probably get a grant to buy about 30 new radios.
    - The old radios will be sold.
- FIT Testing
    - SCBA mask FIT testing will probably be at a drill in January.
- Department Equipment (Ladders, cooking tops, portable pumps, etc.)
    - The old ladders, cook tops, and portable pump will be sold.
- Membership Forum
    - Glenn Demler reminded everyone to have their radios at drill on December 19, 2023, for reprogramming.
    - The portable pump on the tender isn't working. John Kolb will get it for repair.
    - Lisa Breu noted there are a lot of people on the alternate list for Lunch Duty. People who have been doing lunch for many years will be moved to the alternate list and new people assigned a month. If you have been assigned lunch for many years and would like to remain on the list, let Lisa know.
- Membership Update
    - Jackson Merrill and Griffin Kintopf will be resigning at the end of the year since they no longer live in the area.
    - Paul Friday is also resigning in December as he will be moving out of the area. Paul read a thank you letter to the department.
- Election Nominations – Jeff Miller and Josh Drexler
        - Keith Breu nominated Kevin Sawicki for Fire Chief, second by Mark Thompson; nominations closed.
        - Mark Thompson nominated Jeff Miller for fire fighter board of directors; second by Don Davis; nominations closed.
        - Glenn Demler nominated Josh Drexler for first responder board of directors, second by Sean Carney; nominations closed.
        - Chief Sawicki nominated Keith Breu for treasurer, second by Don Houde; nominations closed.
        - Mark Thompson nominated Lisa Breu for secretary, second by Josh Drexler; nominations closed.
        - Don Houde nominated Glenn Demler for First Responder Chairperson, second by Josh Drexler; nominations closed.
- Correspondence
    - None.
- The next drill is Monday, December 19, 2023, at 6:30pm.
- Motion by Keith Breu to adjourn, second by Mark Thompson; motion passed unanimously.

End of Meeting at 7:51 pm.

Submitted by Secretary Lisa Breu