



Lake Country Fire & Rescue – Fire Board

Serving the Village of Chenequa-Village of Nashotah
City of Delafield- Village of Oconomowoc Lake
Town of Delafield-Village of Wales-Town of Genesee

LCFR Station # 42

115 Main St, Delafield, WI 53018

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 5 PM

1. Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was opened by President Jim Morris at 5:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Present were Beb Bellin, Matt Grimmer, Martin Gallun, Anthony Arbucias, Al Theis, Gene Mayernick, Jim Morris, Jerry Orlowski, Steve Goetz, Mark Moore, Assistant Chief Matt Haerter and Administrative Assistant Staci Nielson. Excused were Tom Touchette, Roger Yolo, Jeff Rumler, and Magilee Miller.

3. Public Comments

No public comments

4. Approval of minutes from the Fire Board Meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2023

A motion was made by Bellin and seconded by Theis to approve the minutes from Thursday, Nov 30, 2023. All ayes, no further discussion. The motion was carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

- a. Ambulance billing and collection update for November
- b. Board review of balance sheet, revenues and expenses for November

6. Board approval of check disbursements over \$1,500 and bank & credit card reconciliations for Nov

A motion was made by Gallun and seconded by Theis to approve the checks & reconciliations from Nov. All ayes, no further discussion. The motion was carried.

7. President's Report

Jim stated that the Board would have to start on the budget earlier this year and communicate better between the communities. He would also like to make it more clear to the residents the benefits that they receive from their taxes.

8. Chief's Report

a. LCFR Call Activity report

On the weekend of Jan. 12-14th there were 98 calls. The snow and slippery roads were a big problem, but there were also quite a few wires and trees down. In addition, the power and the backup generator went down at Station #31. The staff did incredibly well with low staffing and increased calls. However, we are sending fewer people on calls than other fire departments would be. The Board wanted to express their appreciation for the exceptional work of the current staff.

b. Staffing Report/Metrics Reporting

There is an assessment coming up to try to fill 5 available positions. It will be held on Jan. 31st and Feb. 1st with both internal and external candidates. 17 people are currently scheduled, and there are a few more invitations out there so there may still be a few more. The marketplace is very competitive right now as there are 300 open positions just in our area.

c. Training/Conference Updates

d. Vehicle/Equipment Status

Nothing big is out of service right now.

e. Update on current/ongoing department projects

We are working on switching to a new software system for the whole department. We should be fully transitioned by the end of February.

9. Update on new ladder truck

A final inspection of the truck is scheduled for February 15. If all goes well, the new truck will be in service in March. The old truck should be returned to the City of Delafield around April 1st.

10. New business

We will be looking for a new accounting firm since Howard has retired. We will be preparing a Request for Proposals and would like to get someone hired soon.

11. The next scheduled Board Meeting is on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 5:00pm to be held at Station #42 in Delafield.

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Gallun and seconded by Thies at 5:25. All ayes, no further discussion. The motion was carried.