

Meeting Minutes
Edgerton Fire Protection District Monthly Minutes
Thursday, February 9, 2023

1. President John Sherman called meeting to order on Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Present: John Sherman, Kathryn Fosdal, Dave Kyle, John Dohner, Bryan Meyer, Evan Sayre, Anissa Welch, Jeff Klenz, Candy Davis, and Rob Mowhinney. Absent: Dave Viney.
Also in attendance were Doug Kenney, Teresa Boston, Randy Thompson, Chief Pickering, DC Whitmore, and Division Chief Jeremy Parker.
3. Davis reported the meeting agenda was posted on Monday, February 6, 2023 at Piggly Wiggly, Edgerton City Hall, EFPD Headquarters and the Edgerton Reporter.
4. Sayre motioned to accept agenda, was seconded by Fosdal, all in favor; carried.
5. There were no public appearances to come before the Board.
6. Fosdal motioned to approve minutes of January 11, 2023 Monthly Board meeting, was seconded by Sherman, all in favor; carried.
7. Treasurer report
 - a. Update of Medicare accounts receivables: Chief Pickering reported the hurdle has been cleared on MyChoiceWI accounts receivables; should start receiving soon. The Medicare payments are starting to come through (about 3 mons in arrears, but starting to come through).
 - b. Notification from the State of Wis on a 10% rate increase in Medicare reimbursement rates for 2023: Chief Pickering reported that we'll be receiving a 10% increase in Medicare reimbursements; however won't be seeing payments until around mid-2024, with an effective date of January or February, 2023.
 - c. Chief Pickering and John Sherman advised that the contract has been signed with LifeQuest for the reduction in service rates effective 2/1/23: This will result in a 29.9% savings.
8. Old Business
 - a. (January) Discussion and possible approval of proposal to use funding freed up by the two DHS Flex Grant awards: Chief Pickering discussed the options that the funds could be used for. He's proposing to use funds to pay for the "other half" of the intercept vehicle (as the vehicle will be used for both East and West). Milton townships are paying for the first half of the vehicle. (basically splitting the cost) – with the balance of the DHS money going into the Capital Reserve for the West municipalities (around \$29,000 for the Edgerton side).

Motion was made by Davis to authorize staff to pursue concept of paying for half of the intercept vehicle that is freed up dollars by the DHS Flex Grant, was seconded by Sayre, all in favor; carried.
 - b. (January) Discussion and possible action on IGA semi-annual levy assessment timing: Chief clarified the difference in the IGA from the old to the new. Chief indicated they will issue the first half of billing to each municipality January 15 with payment due on February 15 for first quarter; then March 15 due April 15, etc.

Kathryn Fosdal will prepare an amendment to the IGA to reflect the change

- c. (January) Discussion and possible action on designating a new name for the Department: Chief Pickering handed out a list of names for the "Department". The name of the District (EFPD) will remain. After reviewing the names, motion was made by Dohner to proceed with the name of: Lakeside Fire-Rescue. Motion was seconded by Welch, all in favor; carried.
- d. (January) Formal proposal to DOT on land in Newville was submitted. Chief Pickering reported they followed up with a formal proposal to DOT on land and discussion continues within DOT. Chief will continue to update the Board in the future.
- e. (2022) Discussions continuing with potential new Auditing firms: Chief Pickering reported he talked to 3 more firms in the last month; City of Milton auditing firm; Higgins-Ash (received quote of \$31,000); Baker Tilly from Edgerton's auditing firm came in at \$21,000. Siepert's last quote was at \$18,000 and proposed an increase (3 years ago).

Staff suggested we receive another quote from Siepert to see their quote. Fosdal gave Chief Pickering two other firms to call.

9. New Business: None

10. Chief/Deputy Chief – Operations/Division Chief - EMS report: Chief Pickering reported the following:
- 45 IFTs (January)
 - 87 (9-1-1) calls (January)
 - Fire inspections = 60 completed to date

11. Edgerton – Milton Transition Updates

- a. 2/1/23 go live: First Commissioner meeting held on 2.9.2023 – first Board meeting with all 10 municipalities.
- b. Final ruling from WRS on how to properly transition former MFD employees. Worked with Attorney Schroeder to get right facts to WRS
- c. Contract has been signed for the Civic Systems accounting software: Working with Civic Systems to get the software up and running.
- d. Town of Koshkonong has approved their contract for service: The new EMS Operational Plan requires to file a document that is certified by each clerk regarding the population EFPD is protecting. Chief Pickering will contact each clerk.
- e. Local municipality Clerk's certifications for new EMS service area required: All have been signed over to the EFPD, are in process of working with DOT to get titles changed; all assets have been transferred for insurance purposes.
- f. All titles and Certificates of Origin have been signed over to the EFPD, and all assets have been added to our insurance policy.

12. Volunteer Association, Inc. report: None

13. Fosdal motioned to pay bills in the amount of \$254,419.20, was seconded by Welch, all in favor; carried.

14. Other legal business to come before the Board

- a. Meeting with 5-Bugles Design to review plans for a presentation to the Board. Identify possible dates: Chief Pickering reported he has a meeting next week – will talk about what they should be presenting to the Commissioners – sometime in March at a special meeting. Evan Sayre suggested brining a “needs” list vs a “wants” list.
- b. New door combination for Headquarters. Chief advised Commissioners what the new door combinations are for the doors.

15. Sherman motioned to adjourn, was seconded by Fosdal, all in favor; carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;
Candy Davis,
EFPD Secretary/Treasurer