

Meeting Minutes
Edgerton Fire Protection District Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, January 12, 2022

1. President John Sherman called the EFPD Monthly Board meeting to order on January 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Present: John Sherman, Evan Sayre, Dave Viney, Kathryn Fosdal and Candy Davis. John Dohner was absent. Also present were Jim Burdick (Board Alternate), Chief Pickering and DC Russ. Members from petitioning Townships were also in attendance (Jeremy Parker, Chris Lukas, David Kyle, Rob Mawhinney, Anissa Welsch, Jeff Klenz, and Bryan Meyer).
3. Davis reported agenda was posted on Monday, January 10, 2022 a Piggly Wiggly, Edgerton City Hall, Fire District Headquarters and the Edgerton Reporter.
4. Viney motioned to accept agenda, was seconded by Fosdal, all in favor; carried.
5. Viney motioned to approve December 9, 2021 minutes as presented, was seconded by Fosdal, all in favor; carried.
6. Chief introduced Bill Morgan, from Desmond Murphy Law Firm, who will be the attorney for the Fire District Board for the Petitioning process.
7. Treasurer Report:
 - a. Chief Pickering acknowledged and thanked all of the Municipalities for their support of the ARPA funds.
 - b. Davis motioned to approve the Capital Borrowing package total \$293,926.00
 - i. Ambulance 742 replacement: \$272,806.00
 - ii. 2022 BCCU Capital Lease: \$21,120.00Motion was seconded by Fosdal and passed on roll call of 5 Yes/0 No
 - c. Davis motioned to approve transfer of \$15,627.20 from checking to Operating Reserve
 - i. \$15,000 for annual Chief's vehicle escrow
 - ii. \$627.20 for 2021 Operating BalanceMotion was seconded by Viney and passed on roll call of 5 Yes/0 No
 - d. Davis motioned to approve the transfer of \$19,481.10 from checking to capital reserve (reversal of capital transfers for maintenance work paid for out of operating expense). Motion was seconded by Fosdal and passed on roll call of 5 Yes/0 No
 - e. Davis reported that the District has received notification from Siepert Auditing Firm of a price increase for 2022. Davis and Chief Pickering will be working with Michael Phalin (from Siepert), requesting a breakdown of all expenses to see if there is any way to reduce the increase in charges. Chief Pickering advised Siepert of our dissatisfaction of the lateness of the notification of price increase as the Board had already gone through the budgeting process and was not aware of the increase. Davis and Pickering will report on outcome of Siepert discussion to the Board at a future meeting.
8. There was no Old Business to discuss.
9. New Business:

- a. Bryan Meyer, representing all 5 entities (City of Milton, Town of Milton, Town of Harmony, Town of Lima and Town of Johnstown) presented the Petition for Membership and IGA to the Board, asking to join the EFPD District. Meyer advised Board that all of the participating entities have voted unanimously to petition the EFPD District.
 - b. Sherman motioned to refer the petition to management staff for review and report back to EFPD Board by the March 2022 Board meeting. Motion was seconded by Fosdal, and passed on roll call of 5 Yes/0 No. Sayre is recommending the EFPD Board hold Special Board Meetings in the near future to discuss the Petition and IGA.
 - c. Chief Pickering advised the Board there will need to be a work session scheduled in the near future to start discussions on Capital Budget planning for 2023-2028.
10. Chief/Deputy Chief Operations Report:
- a. No discussion was held on the 2022 EMS and Fire Incident billing rates – this will be added to a future meeting.
 - b. Chief reported the following activities for the Department:
 - 125 (9-1-1) calls – this is an all-time record high for the District, ending with 1,096 ytd calls (up 10.5% yoy)
 - 581 Interfacility transfers ytdAdditional information is found in Chief’s report which was handed out
11. There was no new report from the Volunteer Association, Inc.
12. Davis motioned to pay bills in the amount of \$146,895.87, was seconded by Fosdal, all in favor; carried.
13. There was no legal business to come before the Board.
14. Davis motioned to go in to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 9.85(1)(c): “Considering Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of any Public Employee over which the governmental body has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility”. Discuss Deputy Chief Position. Motion was seconded by Sayre, and passed on roll call of 5 Yes/0 No. Board went in to closed session at 7:17 pm. Board resumed open session at 8:02 p.m.
15. Chief Pickering recommended to the Board to accept resignation of Deputy Chief Jason Russ, effective 2/17/2022. Viney motioned to accept Chief Pickering’s recommendation, was seconded by Fosdal, all in favor; carried.
- Chief Pickering recommended to Board to advance Division Chief Brandon Whitmore as Interim Deputy Chief (effective upon Whitmore’s return to work from leave). Viney motioned to accept Chief Pickering’s recommendation, was seconded by Sherman, all in favor; carried.
16. Davis motioned to adjourn, seconded by Fosdal, all in favor; carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Candy Davis
EFPD Secretary/Treasurer