

Meeting Minutes
Edgerton Fire Protection District Monthly Meeting
Thursday, January 11, 2023

1. President John Sherman called the EFPD Monthly Board meeting to order on Thursday, January 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Present: John Sherman, Randy Thompson (for Evan Sayre), Dave Viney, John Dohner, Kathryn Fosdal and Candy Davis. Also present were Jim Burdick (Board Alternate), David Kyle, Bryan Meyer, Jeff Klenz, Anissa Welch, Rob Mawhinny, Chief Randy Pickering and DC Brandon Whitmore
3. Davis reported the meeting agenda was posted on Monday, January 9, 2023 at Piggly Wiggly, Edgerton City Hall, Fire District Headquarters and the Edgerton Reporter.
4. Dohner motioned to accept agenda, was seconded by Fosdal, all in favor; carried.
5. There were no public appearances
6. Fosdal motioned to approve minutes of December 8, 2022 Monthly Board meeting, was seconded by Sherman, all in favor; carried.
7. Fosdal motioned to approve minutes of December 12, 2022 Special Board meeting, was seconded by Dohner, all in favor; carried.
8. Treasurer Report:
 - a) Chief Pickering discussed Item G of the new IGA regarding payment for first half of the year (first 50% of levy assessment) is due at the end of January. However, some municipalities don't generally receive their tax revenue until around February. A few municipalities raised a concern about not meeting the January date to pay their portion to the Fire District. Chief asked each Commissioner to discuss this with their respective Treasurer and get their thoughts and see what would/could work (possible monthly, quarterly, etc.). Further discussion on this will be held at the February Board Meeting.
9. Old Business:
 - a) Chief Pickering advised the Board that there is a need for funding from the Municipalities to fund the 2022 salary disparity, based on the current budget.

Viney motioned to have Chief Pickering bill the Municipalities for their respective share of the salary disparity amount (totaling \$32,775), due to having to tap into the reserves, with the money due 10 days after billing. Motion was seconded by Dohner, passed on roll call vote of 6 yes/0 no.
 - b) Chief Pickering reported he has talked to 5 different auditing firms. Currently, Baker Tilley is putting together a proposal. Chief is hopeful to have an update for the February meeting.

10. There was no new business to discuss.

11. Chief Pickering updated the Board with the following:

- DSPS audits all fire departments in Wisconsin. Through 3rd quarter 2022, EFPD has had zero errors – credited to Cindy Kirby for her work on this!
- 123 (9-1-1-) calls for December; record high volume; totaling 1,197 YTD (+9.2% YOY)
- There were 11 simultaneous calls for December – 124 year-end
- 44 (IFT) calls for December; 488 YHTD vs 581 YTD in 20021
- Fire inspections are 100% completed (631 properties in 2021 vs 719 in 2022)

12. Chief Pickering provided updates on the Edgerton-Milton Transition:

- a) Chief Pickering advised the MOU is finalized to provide Management Support for the Milton Fire Commission for the month of January, 2023.

Fosdal motioned to approve President Sherman to sign the MOU, was seconded by Viney, all in favor; carried.

- b) Fosdal motioned to authorize President Sherman to sign Contract to provide fire and emergency medical service to the Town of Koshkonong effective 2/1/2023, pending recommended language from Attorney Schroeder.

Motion was seconded by Thompson, all in favor; carried.

- c) Discussion was held on possibly approving the use of funding freed up by the two DHS Flex Grant awards to cover integration costs. After some discussion, it was decided to have further discussion on this at the February Board meeting.
- d) Chief Pickering handed out a list of 33 suggested names for the new department, and asked the Board to vote on their top 5 names from that list. Based on that feedback, staff will condense the list and send it back out to the members for voting. Further discussion on this will be held at the February Board meeting.
- e) Chief Pickering advised confirmation of new Division and Assistant Chiefs – Jeremy Parker, Craig Fryda and Chris Lukas.
- f) Chief Pickering advised they are still working on the new Shift Captains.
- g) There have been 25 interested employees from the current Milton Fire Department; staff is putting together offer letters.
- h) Chief Pickering suggested that District email accounts be assigned to the Commissioners (and Alternates). Further discussion on this will be held at a future meeting.
- i) Chris Lukas advised that both departments have been working on training, introducing both departments' equipment (ambulance, engines, SCBAs, etc.).

- j) Chief Pickering reported on his discussion with Life Quest. Because of the integration positively impacting Life Quest's book of business, they have proposed a 27% reduction in their billing rate, effective 2/1/2023.
13. There was nothing new to report from the Volunteer Association, Inc.
14. Fosdal motioned to pay bills in the amount of \$193,090.56, was seconded by Dohner, all in favor; carried.
15. There was no other legal business to come before the Board.
16. Sherman motioned to go in to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e): "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session." Discuss terms and conditions for possible land purchase.
- Motion was seconded by Viney and passed on a roll call of 6 yes/0 no. The motion was extended to include the new municipalities as well as Chief Lukas, Chief Parker and DC Whitmore. Board went in to closed session at 7:49 p.m.
- Fosdal motioned to go out of closed session and into open session, was seconded by Dohner, passed on roll call vote of 6 yes/0 no. Board resumed to open session at 8:06 p.m.
17. Dohner motioned to have Chief Pickering open discussions with the DOT regarding land purchase, was seconded by Thompson, passed on roll call vote of 6 yes/0 no.
18. Davis motioned to adjourn, was seconded by Sherman, all in favor; carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Candy Davis, EFPD Secretary/Treasurer