

Western Lakes Fire Board

Monthly Board Meeting

March 25, 2019

Call to Order

- George Morris called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Board members present were George Morris, Kent Lorenz, Bill Riemenschneider, Mike Sauer and Jeff Roemer. Also, in attendance were Chief Brad Bowen, Assistant Chief Glenn Leidel, Deputy Chiefs Kami Warren and Tim Meyer, Battalion Chief Steve Pflanzner, Oconomowoc Director of Finance Laurie Sullivan, Oconomowoc Police Chief Ron Buerger and Administrative Assistant Michael Krug. Excused was Jimi Hall.

Proof of Notice

- Mike Krug announced that the notice was posted March 22nd to the district web site, newspapers and at stations 1 and 2.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Chief Ron Buerger led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- George Morris opened the meeting to comments from the public, of which there was none.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Mike Tompkins and seconded by Mike Sauer to approve the minutes of the February 25th meeting as written. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Brad Bowen's Report

- Chief Bowen distributed an invitation for Assistant Chief Leidel's retirement party.
- An update was provided on the status of hiring a new Assistant Chief. Brad is working with the fire commission.
- The officer promotions were approved by the commission. The new officers were announced at the March staff meeting. We had more applicants than we had positions open.
- Blue card training will be starting in July for all full-time employees and officers.
- We will review the five-year capital plan at our next board meeting and then present to the municipalities at the spring meeting. A change in the plan is to do roof repairs at Oconomowoc in 2020 and delay the acquisition of a vehicle until 2021. We have been having roof leaks and making repairs, but new leaks appear. We will be looking to get the same vendor as we used for the Dousman station.
- Chief Bowen stated we have been looking into the use of a therapy dog. Deputy Chief Warren has a dog that has been tested to be a therapy dog. We already checked with our insurance carrier and we are covered as part of our general liability policy. We are looking for approval to proceed with preparing a proposal for a therapy dog. The dog would be brought in with Kami and taken home with Kami each day but would be available to employees. Mike Sauer asked if there were concerns with people with allergies. Kami said that since the dog would not be living at the station that should not be an issue. Brad Bowen said we do industrial cleaning of the carpets twice a year.
- Call volume thus far this year is 22% higher than 2018.

Chief Officer Reports

- Assistant Chief Schuetz was not at the meeting and there were no questions.
- Assistant Chief Leidel had nothing to add to his report and there were no questions.
- Deputy Chief Meyer had nothing to add to his report and there were no questions.
- Deputy Chief Kami Warren had nothing to add to her report and there were no questions.
- Battalion Chief Steve Pflanzler had nothing to report.

Building and Grounds

- There was nothing other than what was covered in Tom Schuetz's report

Discussion/Action – IT room suppression system

- Chief Bowen stated that currently, station 1 is the main location for our IT equipment with Station 3 being the backup. Neither station have a fire suppression system.
- The budget for the system was \$12,000 and the bid is for \$11,800
- A motion was made by Kent Lorenz and seconded by Jeff Roemer to approve the bid from Critical Facility Fire Suppression Specialists at a cost not to exceed \$11,800. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action – Ambulance & Highway Refunds

- A motion was made by Mike Tompkins and seconded by Jeff Roemer to pay the ambulance refunds totaling \$511.41. Motion carried.

Discussion/Action - Payment of Bills

- A motion was made by Jeff Roemer and seconded by Kent Lorenz to pay the bills totaling \$203,132.50. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items and Meeting

- The April meeting will be held on April 22nd at Station 1 (Pabst).
- The annual spring meeting will be held on May 1st at the Summit Village Hall.

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Kent Lorenz and seconded by Jeff Roemer to adjourn at 5:05 pm. Motion carried.