

# Western Lakes Fire Board

## Monthly Board Meeting

### October 28, 2021

#### **Call to Order**

- Jeff Roemer called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Board members present were Kent Lorenz, Michael Tompkins, Bill Riemenschneider, and Charlie Shaw. Board members George Morris and Kent Lorenz were excused.

#### **Proof of Notice**

- Chief Bowen announced that the notice was posted October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 1:45 p.m. to the district web site, newspapers and at stations 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

- Jeff Roemer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Public Comment**

- Jeff Roemer opened the meeting to comments from the public, of which there was none.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered in one motion unless a Fire Board Member requests that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda
  - Minutes of September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular Fire Board Meeting
  - Payment of Bills
  - Ambulance and Highway refunds
- A Motion to approve consent agenda as presented including minutes from September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Fire Board Meeting, and payment of bills in the amount of \$393,731.57 was made by Mike Tompkins and seconded by Charlie Shaw. Motion carried.

#### **Fire Chief Brad Bowen's Report**

- Chief Bowen reviewed the monthly financial reports with the board including revenues and expenses. Currently the District is within the budget projections for the year.
- The Chief provided updates on various meetings with State Legislatures, and municipal leadership in the region with regards to sustainable Fire/EMS funding and staffing. The WI Fire/EMS Service is going through a transition from predominately free labor to paid labor, like many other service industry or public service.

#### **Assistant Chief and Bureau Chief Reports**

- The Fire Board reviewed the reports from each of the Assistant Chiefs and Bureau Chiefs for the previously month.

#### **Discussion/Action – Policy 600.010 Employee Benefits**

- A motion to table this while staff and legal review changes was made by Charlie Shaw and seconded by Bill Reimenscheider. Motion carried.

#### **Discussion/Action – Education Expense Repayment Agreement**

- A motion to table this while staff and legal review changes was made by Mike Tompkins and seconded by Erik Jensen. Motion carried.

**Discussion – 2022 Part-time Wages**

- Chief Bowen reviewed the proposed wages for part-time employees for 2022 which were included in the budget.
- A motion to approved the 2022 Part-time Wages as presented was made by Charlie Shaw, seconded by Bill Reimenschneider. Motion carried.

**Discussion/Action – 2022 Full-time Wages**

- Chief Bowen reviewed the proposed wages for full-time employees for 2022 which were included in the budget.
- A motion to approved the 2022 Full-time Wages as presented was made by Mike Tompkins, seconded by Erik Jensen. Motion carried.

**Future Agenda Items and Meetings**

- Joint Owners Meeting – TBD
- Monthly Fire Board Meeting – Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 4pm at Fire Station #1

**Adjournment**

- A motion was made at 4:58 pm by Bill Reimenschneider and seconded by Charlie Shaw to adjourn. Motion carried.