

Waunakee Area Fire District Minutes

February 24, 2014

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Waunakee Area Fire District was called to Order by Chairman Jim Pulvermacher. Roll Call showed Present: Jim Pulvermacher, Susan Springman, Gary Endres, Chief Gary Acker, Assistant Chief Dave Kopp, Captain Mike Helt, Inspector Brian Adler and Secretary Randy Meffert. Absent were Terry Enge and Gary Walden

A motion was made by Gary Endres and second by Susan Springman to approve the Minutes of the January Meeting as submitted. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Susan Springman and second by Gary Endres to approve the Bills as submitted. Motion carried.

Old Business: *Chairman Jim Pulvermacher reported on the New Dane County Radio System (DaneComm). He met with John DeYoung, who gave him an update from his perspective. He indicated that the paging system started out rough but has gotten much better, the CAD systems are working better and the radio system is a work in progress, with many issues still to be resolved. There will be a 30 day burn-in period beginning the first of March, which hopefully flows into a go-live system. They still have coverage issues, especially around Cambridge and other small pockets, which may require additional towers. Harris has penalty clauses in their contract for a delayed start up. As far as the public City of Madison complaints. They appear to be more politically motivated than operational, however, there still appears to be some dispatch issues that need to be resolved. Brian & Mike met with the team that is developing the Emergency Operations Plan for the Village of Waunakee for the first time last week. The committee hired two former State Patrol Officers that now do emergency planning for municipalities and it was said, "they know what they are doing". The committee hopes to have a draft of a Master Plan by the end of May. The schools plan will be incorporated into it. One question was asked, who will maintain it? More question and answers will come out as the plan become more known. The departments new "Car #4" should be arriving the end of April or first part of May. Discussions started about developing a greater detailed truck replacement schedule and future budgets to accommodate those replacement vehicles. More to come.*

New Business: *Chief Acker gave the Board an update on the extrication equipment issues the department has been experiencing. While the department has been updating extrication tools it has not done anything with the Hydraulic pump system (was transferred over from the previous squad truck when it was replaced in 2005, which is believed to be the poor performance of the extrication tools. Estimates to repair or replace run from \$6,000-\$15,000. Chief Acker has not received a firm quote or recommendation yet and hopes to have it by next District Meeting. There was a short discussion about the impacts of the Hwy 19-113, Main St. and round-a-bout construction project that will begin this spring. Traffic flows, response times, ability to come to the station for the members and responding to sites were all issues the department will be working through as the project develops.*

Fire Inspector's Report: *Brian review the previous month's fire run activities with the Board.*

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Susan Springman and second by Gary Endres to adjourn. Motion carried.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Meffert, Secretary