

Waunakee Area Fire District Board Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2017

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Waunakee Area Fire District was called to order by Chairman Jim Pulvermacher. Roll call showed in attendance: Jim Pulvermacher, Terry Enge, Susan Springman, Dr. Bill Ranum, Chief Dave Kopp, Assistant Chief Gary Hansen, Captain/Inspector Brian Adler, Secretary Randy Meffert and Andy Stringer. Absent Gary Endres.

Meeting Minutes: A Motion was made by Terry Enge and second by Susan Springman to approve the written minutes of the August Fire District Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Bills: A motion was made by Susan Springman and second by Terry Enge to approve the September bills as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business: **2018 Fire District Budget;** Chairman Pulvermacher shared with the Committee that he had spoken with Board Member Gary Endres about the proposed 2018 budget and that he was fine with it. After some further discussion, it was recommended by Board Member Springman that the Truck Replacement forecasted Budget be readjusted for future truck replacement. A motion was made by Bill Ranum and second by Terry Enge to approve the proposed 2018 Fire District Budget as presented. Motion carried. **DaneCom Radio Issues:** It has been reported that other districts and communities are having similar issues with the new Radio System. The DaneCom representatives have reported that the system is as good as it is going to get at the current time. It was recommended to get a unified voice from the Dane County Fire Chiefs Association and the Townships Association in order to make change and get public and media support. **Air Pack Issues:** It was recommended to talk to Middleton Fire as to their successful Grant to get new Air Packs. WFD will continue to research and solicitate bids on new air packs and related equipment.

New Business: **Squad #5 A/C repairs:** Chief Kopp reported that the A/C unit on Squad #5 is not working and estimates to repair it are between \$1800-2000 as well as we should inspect some of the other trucks A/C units as a preventative measure. There was a short discussion about what needs for personnel the Fire District may be faced with in the future. Additional full time employee(s) to help handle the administrative responsibilities of the department as well as potentially needing full time fire fighters to cover day calls (possibly 5-10 years down the road). Chief Kopp informed the Board that 3 new members were added this month. They will all be attending Fire Fighting I schooling and will be on a probationary status for 1 year. A motion was made by Terry Enge and second by Susan Springman to approve the Baker Tilly monthly service increase from \$412.50 to \$425.00. Motion carried. Inspector Adler recapped the previous month's Fire Calls with the Board as well as Inspector activities. He also noted that Fire Prevention training at the schools will beginning soon. The Town of Vienna would like to put on next month's agenda a possible option to be out of the Fire District and have a contract for services.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Terry Enge and second by Susan Springman to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randy Meffert, Secretary-Treasurer
Waunakee Area Fire District