



# Waunakee Area Fire District

401 West Second Street  
Waunakee, WI 53597-0472

## Fire District Meeting Minutes

### January 29, 2018

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, Gary Endres, Bill Ranum, Chief Dave Kopp, Assistant Chief Gary Hansen, Captain/Inspector Brian Adler, Randy Meffert and Secretary Andy Stringer.

**Meeting Minutes:** A Motion was made by Gary Endres second by Terry Enge to approve the written minutes of the December 2017 Fire District Meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Terry Enge and second by Susan Springman and to approve the December 2017 bills as presented. Motion carried.

**Old Business: Dane Comm:** Chief Kopp and Assistant Chief Hansen brought up the issues we are having at the Dane Cty Chiefs Association meeting and found there were only 10 other departments that were also having radio issues and 5 other departments reported no issues. The current hand held Kennwood radios may not have the functionality as the department was led to believe by GenCom at the time of purchase. WFD will change radio protocols to work within Dane Comm. **AFG Grant:** The department will be applying for a Grant which must be submitted before the end of January. Chief Kopp contacted Chief Harris at Middleton Fire Dept who put him in touch with Middleton's grant writer and WFD is working with the grant writer to complete the AFG grant application. Agreed to pay \$500 fee to grant writer as previous approved by the District Board. **SCBA Cylinders** the department needs to find a solution for expired bottles while waiting for grant approval. The department has been reached out to the Kilbourn, WI Fire Department who is regarding the possible purchase of 56 Scott 2216 bottles. The bottles still have 5 years of service life but will need to be hydro tested. We are waiting on response from Kilbourn. **Insurance Claim – Mutual Aid with Middleton Fire 11/17/17** – claim not yet finalized but initial report is 3 sets of turnout gear passed; 3 sets of turnout gear failed; all boots, gloves and hoods failed. Failed gear valued at approx. \$12k. \$350 in repairs may not be covered by insurance due as it was existing damage. **Forward Thinking:** The department will probably be looking for a part time administrative person sometime in 2019. Tabled for future discussion.

**New Business:** Randy Meffert retired as Secretary – many thanks to Randy. Andy Stringer replaced Randy as District Secretary. Mike Helt stepped down as Lieutenant (Fire 4) but will remain on the department as fire fighter. Bert Schwab was elected Lieutenant (Fire 4); James Anderson was elected Lieutenant (Fire 5) and Kurt Acker was elected Lieutenant (Fire 6). **Brian Alder SAP Eligibility** – Brian is not eligible to continue in the SAP program because he participates in the Wisconsin State Requirement Program. Brian is eligible to collect what has been contributed on his behalf thru 2017 and is fully vested in the program. Alternative retirement compensation was discussed but needs further exploration. **Inspector's Report:** Brian A. gave the Board a recap of the Fire Calls in December and for 2018 which had a record 305 calls. Brian also gave an update on his inspections. Next meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2018.

Terry Enge had to leave the meeting at 7pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Stringer, Secretary/Treasurer  
Waunakee Area Fire District