



# Waunakee Area Fire District

401 West Second Street  
Waunakee, WI 53597-0472

## September 2020 Fire District Meeting Minutes

### September 28, 2020

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, Gary Endres, Bill Ranum, Nila Frye, Chief Dave Kopp, Assistant Chief Gary Hansen, and Captain/Inspector Brian Adler.

**Meeting Minutes:** A motion was made by Gary Endres and a second was made by Terry Enge to approve the August 2020 Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

**Bills:** A motion was made by Terry Enge and a second was made by Gary Endres to approve the August 2020 bills as presented. Motion carried.

### Old Business:

- A. **Engine 2 Replacement** – Chief Kopp shared a copy of the contract to purchase a new Pierce Engine from Reliant Fire Apparatus. A motion was made by Bill Ranum and seconded by Nila Frye to purchase the truck at the prepayment price of \$748,000. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Jim Pulvermacher and seconded by Bill Ranum for the Waunakee Area Fire District to borrow \$398,773.00 from the Waunakee Branch of the State Bank of Cross Plains at 2% on a 4-year note. Motion carried. It was discussed that the individual municipalities could borrow for and pay off their share to the District, but Gary Endres stated that this could become problematic in keeping track of the numbers.
- B. **WAFD LPL Brokerage Account** – Chief Kopp informed the board that the \$150,007.49 that was in the LPL Brokerage Account has been moved to the District's general checking account. \$100,000 of that money is being moved to the new truck account and will be used to help purchase the new engine. A motion was made by Bill Ranum and seconded by Gary Endres to place the remaining \$50,000 in a CD for 6 months. Motion carried. The board asked Chief Kopp to shop local banks for the best rates for all the District finances and asked for the banks to come in and make a presentation of what they can offer.
- C. **Routes to Recovery CARES Grant** – Chief Kopp & Capt. Adler informed the board of the items that have been purchased for the fire station and the firefighters that will be reimbursed through the CARES Grant. These items include touchless soap, sanitizer, and paper towel dispensers as well as cloth facemasks for the firefighters.

### New Business:

- A. **2021 Budget** – Chief Kopp presented the 2021 Fire District Budget to the board members. The 2021 budget is a 2.23% increase from the 2020 budget, with the largest increase coming from the firefighter wages. A motion was made by Gary Endres and seconded by Bill Ranum to increase the Fire Chief's salary to \$15,000, made in two six-month payments. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Bill Ranum and seconded by Gary Endres to approve the Waunakee Area Fire District 2021 Budget. Motion Carried.
- B. **Brian's State of WI Retirement Program** – Capt. Adler explained how his job description has changed, to include more firefighting, command, and administration duties over the course of the past 19 years and asked to be placed in the Protective Services program of the WI Retirement System. A motion was made by Gary Endres and a second was made by Bill Ranum to move Capt./Inspector Brian Adler into the Protective Services program of the WI Retirement System. Motion failed. A motion was then made by Jim Pulvermacher and a second was made by Nila Frye to gather more information and bring it back to the October 2020 meeting. Motion carried.
- C. **EMS Driver** – Chief Kopp informed the board that fire service personnel have been getting paged to drive the ambulance for WAEMS more frequently. The Chief shared the department's concerns regarding which firefighters would be allowed to drive,

*training that may be required, and what costs the District would be responsible for. This has been tabled until the October 2020 meeting.*

**Other Business:** *None*

**Fire Inspector's Report:** *Capt./Inspector Adler shared the August 2020 fire run report and stated that the FD call volume has been extremely high the past couple of months.*

**Next Meeting:** *October 26, 2020 @ 6:30pm*

**Adjournment:** *A motion to adjourn was made by Gary Endres and a second was made Bill Ranum. Motion carried.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Capt. Brian Adler  
Waunakee Area Fire District*