

# Sheridan Fire District Meeting Minutes

10/5/2023

The Sheridan Fire District Trustees met on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with the following present: Debra Augsborg, Paul Brennan, Chief Burton and Attorney Rich Burton. Meeting called to order by President Augsborg. Motion made to make Brennan Secretary Pro Temp until a new board member is appointed. Motioned passed. Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved with no additions or corrections. Brennan motioned to accept the minutes, Augsborg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Bills presented for discussion. The Chief stated 2 additional bills for the Sewer and to Pumps for new tires also added. Brennan motioned to pay the bills, Augsborg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Brennan motioned to pay the bills, Augsborg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, bills to get paid. Treasurers report. Chief stated the district is in good shape financially at this time. Another property tax installment and Foreign Fire Tax have been received. Discussion held; Brennan motioned to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Augsborg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Gabriella Fedmasu, from Weber & Associates Financial was present and introduced to the board, to discuss the AFR for FY 22-23 their firm has completed. Weber & Associates were hired by the Sheridan Fire District due to Walker Accounting going out of business. Gabriella discussed the AFR and the balances, the district was well organized and in good shape financially. Chief Tirevold and Gabriella have been working together to get this completed by the due date. Chief will be working with her on some financial issues in the near future. After discussion, Brennan motioned to accept the AFR FY 22-23 report as presented, Augsborg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried, Attorney Burton to File with LaSalle County while Gabriella will file report with the state. Attorney Burton presented some tax levy figures. A November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, public hearing will be held at the Fire Station on the tax levy. Attorney Burton will bet it published in the paper. Chief Tirevold discussed Fund Transfers for the District along with putting money into CDs for temporary time frame. After Discussion the following motions were made by Brennan, transfer \$50,000 from ambulance fund to ambulance reserve fund, \$25,000 from Fire fund to the Fire Reserve Fund, \$350,000 from ambulance reserve into an 11-month CD at the Sheridan Bank and \$150,000 from the Fire Reserve fund into an 11-month CD at the Sheridan Bank. Augsborg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

for these transactions. Chief to take care of getting with the bank on the CD situation.

The Fire District responded to 44 ambulance and 8 fire calls in October. The safety report for the month was farm equipment and school bus traffic. Chief reported 1 Mary 14 was in the shop for AC repair, 2 new front tires and test lane. 1 Mary 13 went to Foster Coach for rear shock replacement.

DNR Grant –all items have been received except the portable radios and chargers. Compeer Financial awarded the Sheridan Fire District a \$4000.00 equipment grant for an Portable Floating Pump. The approximate cost of the pump will be about \$4,600.00. The district will pick up the balance of the cost. IDPH will be doing ambulance inspections this month or November.

OSFM Small Equipment Grant is being applied for by the Chief for miscellaneous equipment. This grant application is due December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Chief to get a couple different bids for Generator maintenance since the current plan expires at the end of October. Chief stated the prison brought up 2400 foot of 1 ¾" hose they didn't want any more since they don't use it. The Chief kept 1200 feet; pressure tested it all good. The other 1200 feet went to IVVC school in Sandwich as a donation to the school. In order to make room for the hose, 2 table racks on wheels were purchased for all the plastic tables we have.

Asst Chief Cook is getting Fire Prevention Week ready for 160 kids and teachers for October 10<sup>th</sup>. Chris Brown and Marla Hardyman will be handling the presentations. Station fire alarm testing will be November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Chief discussed the need for 2 new recliners and a gas grill for the station. Chief will get back to board with prices at the November meeting. **Chief presented paperwork and information on the OSFM Fire Truck Revolving Loan Program; discussion held. The Chief explained what will go on and the procedure once resolution is passed. Brennan motioned to accept Resolution 10-5-2023-5, Augsburg 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. Resolution was signed by the board. Chief to get it sent in on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to get things started.**

A MABAS Regional Grant is getting underway for radios. The Chief sent information to MABAS requesting 6 new mobile radios for the new ambulance, fire

truck and chiefs vehicle along with 6 portable radios. The cost will be about 10% to the district.

Being no other business, Augsburg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm with Brennan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Paul Brennan, Secretary Pro Temp

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