

**Holmen Area Fire Board
Board Meeting
Holmen Area Fire Department – Meeting Room
January 19, 2017
6:30 pm**

President Bogert called the Holmen Area Fire Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm on January 19, 2017 at the Holmen Area Fire Department Meeting Room.

Board members present by Roll Call: Mike Hoffman, Jerome Pedretti, Bill Ebner, Chuck Olson, Stan Hauser and Rolly Bogert. Also present was Assistant Fire Chief Bulawa and Chief Menches.

Motion by Bill Ebner, Seconded by Stan Hauser to Approve the minutes of the November 17, 2016 meeting. Carried

Chuck Olson gave a recap of our year end 2016 financials. He gave a brief overview of the 2017 Budget. Motion to approve by Bill Ebner, Seconded by Jerome Pedretti, Carried

Residents Comments: None

Firefighters Comments: None

Chief Menches reported on the resignation of Gunner Winchell. Assistant Chief Bulawa reported on calls since our November meeting. A total of 153 calls including 123 medical, 13 fire calls and 17 other. Of these calls 112 were in the Village, 24 in the Town of Onalaska and 17 in the Town of Holland.

Assistant Chief Bulawa gave the Board an update on seeking quotes for Health Insurance. More information will be available at the next Board meeting. Chief Menches gave the Board an update on the MABAS card system. He is continuing to move forward with the three municipalities to further coordinate and standardize the Building and Fire Codes in the fire District. His next step is to make contact with the selected members representing each municipality and organize a quarterly process that will meet their scheduling needs. He is also working to further the progress on the public education program to include children, teens, adults and senior citizens.

Information was presented on the proposed Holmen Area Community Center. A motion by Bill Ebner, Seconded by Jerome Pedretti to lend our name and support for the project. Motion Carried

Motion was made by Chuck Olson, Seconded by Stan Hauser to limit our maximum MABAS response district to a 50 mile distance. Motion Carried

Motion by Chuck Olson, Seconded by Bill Ebner Approved by Roll call vote to convene in closed session pursuant to

Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of “Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation” related to four matters involving the full time and part-time employment positions over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business,” with respect to (1) Solicit major contribution or a donation of a vehicle for administration; (2) Update on Collective Bargaining negotiations with IAFF Local 127; and (3) Provide HAFD Needs Assessment for upcoming 2017.

Roll call vote to reconvene in open session. Carried

M/S/C to adjourn

Chuck Olson, Secretary/Treasurer