

**Holmen Area Fire Board
Board Meeting
Holmen Area Fire Department – Meeting Room
February 3, 2016
6:30 pm**

President Bogart called the Holmen Area Fire Board Special meeting to order at 6:30 pm on February 3, 2016 at the Holmen Area Fire Department Meeting Room.

Board members present by Roll Call: Kathy Warzynski, Jerome Pedretti, Bill Ebner, Chuck Olson, Stan Hauser and Rolly Bogart. Also present was Assistant Chief Bulawa and Assistant Chief Linberg.

Assistant Chief Bulawa reported 55 total calls in January consisting of 46 EMS and 9 fire calls.

Motion by Hauser/Seconded by Ebner to approve the January 11, 2016 meeting minutes. Carried

Member Chuck Olson gave an update of the department financials. He indicated that a Capital Budget account has now been created. Payroll is now done by Direct Deposit. He will also establish a system of paying bills once per month after the Board has reviewed and approved.

Resident's Concerns –Town of Holland resident, Ed Eisermann shared his thoughts and suggestions to improve the department (attached).

Firefighter's Concerns-Mike Watson and Frank Garrow discussed the need to upgrade equipment.

Resignation from Mike Watson was received. Motion by Olson/Seconded by Hauser to except the resignation. Carried

Assistant Chief Bulawa updated the Board on the progress of numerous items. The Grant request for new turnout gear has been submitted and Congressman Ron Kind has given his support. We hope to know the status by April. He is not moving forward with the purchase of additional lockers at the present time. Training classes are proceeding. Assistant Chief Linberg updated the Board regarding the Cert 1 requirement to comply with MABAS. A Board policy resolution will be taken up at a future meeting. Discussion was held with the Assistant Chiefs regarding equipment status and need. The Board directed them to proceed with establishing a list of needs in priority order to be presented to the Board.

A committee of Bill Ebner and Stan Hauser was established to work with IAFF Local 127 on the future labor agreement. Motion by Olson/Seconded by Pedretti. Carried

Motion by Ebner/Seconded by Pedretti to accept the low bid from Overhead Door in the amount of \$2635.00 for the replacement of Door 1. Carried

Motion by Olson/Seconded by Hauser to table until March meeting any action on replacement of the building generator.

Motion by Warzynski/Seconded by Ebner to purchase Airway Larry with grant funds of \$860.00 and \$340.00 donation from the Firefighters Rec Fund. Carried with Special "thank you" to the Firefighters.

Discussion was held regarding a modification to the equalized valuation and shared cost percentages to the funding formula. This is due to exempting some properties in the Town of Onalaska that will be served by the City of Onalaska under a separate agreement between the Town of Onalaska and the City of Onalaska. These changes are attached to the minutes. Motion by Olson/Seconded by Ebner. Carried

A committee of Jerome Pedretti and Stan Hauser was established to do Exit Interviews with any members leaving/resigning from the department. Motion by Hauser/Seconded by Ebner. Carried

Motion by Olson/Seconded by Hauser to table any action on change in Social Security until a future meeting.

M/S/C to adjourn

Chuck Olson
Secretary/Treasurer

Fire Board Meeting, February 3, 2016 , Public Input (Residence Concerns),

Edward Eisermann, W6663 Casberg Coulee Road, Town of Holland

Recommendations to the (City of Holmen, Town of Onalaska and Town of Holland) FIRE BOARD

Recently it has come to my attention that items used by the Fire and EMS teams need repair and/or replacement and have been in such condition for some period of time (item 12 and 13 of agenda).

Further with the recent staff changes within the Holmen Area Fire Department, I believe that now would be an excellent time for the Fire Board to consider conducting the following reviews using area community volunteers

- Conduct a review of all ASSETS of the Holmen Area Fire Department (Fire and EMS) to confirm that all ASSETS are in working order and available for any Fire or EMS need. The Audit Team would issue a written report to The Fire Board for their review and action as appropriate.
- Conduct an review of all Fire Board, Fire Team and EMS Team written Policies and Procedures. The review would focus on as a minimum on:
 - Deviations of practice from current documented Policies and Procedures
 - Recommendations for additional documented Policies and Procedures as appropriate.

The Audit Team would issue a written report to The Fire Board of their findings with recommendations as appropriate.

- Conduct a review of the financial practices of the Holmen Area Fire Department. The review team would issue a report with recommendations, where appropriate, for changes in practice that would strengthen the control of Fire Board's financial management of the Holmen Area Fire Department.

Respectfully, Edward Eisermann



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Revised Equalized Valuations

New

Exempting Greens Coulee &
 South of Mason Street in Town of Onalaska
 Values of Greens Coulee Area \$ 11,210,500.00
 Values of S of Mason St Area \$ 12,037,500.00
 \$ 23,248,000.00

Total Assessed Equalized Value %
 Town of Holland \$ 344,023,700.00 0.249300973
 Town of Onalaska \$ 465,139,500.00 0.337069015
 Village of Holmen \$ 570,790,100.00 0.413630012
 \$ 1,379,953,300.00

2016 Budget Share
 Town of Holland \$ 105,952.91 \$ 25,000.00 \$ 130,952.91
 Town of Onalaska \$ 143,254.33 \$ 25,000.00 \$ 168,254.33
 Village of Holmen \$ 175,792.76 \$ 25,000.00 \$ 200,792.76
 \$ 425,000.00 \$ 75,000.00 \$ 500,000.00

Change
 Town of Holland \$ 1,827.91
 Town of Onalaska \$ (4,645.67)
 Village of Holmen \$ 2,817.76