

**Holmen Area Fire Board  
Board Meeting  
Holmen Area Fire Department – Meeting Room  
July 20, 2017  
6:30 pm**

President Bogert called the Holmen Area Fire Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm on June 22, 2017 at the Holmen Area Fire Department Meeting Room.

Board members present by Roll Call: Jerome Pedretti, Bill Ebner, Chuck Olson, Stan Hauser and Rolly Bogert. Also present was Fire Chief Menches, Assistant Chief Bulawa, Assistant Chief Linberg, Lt. Kropelin, Lt. Cook, FF/ENGR Davies, FF Heidlage and Pat Mc Knight, Holmen Courier

Motion by Bill Ebner, Seconded by Stan Hauser to Approve the minutes of the June 22, 2017 meeting. Carried.

Chuck Olson gave a recap of our year to date financials. Motion to approve by Bill Ebner, Seconded by Stan Hauser, Carried

Residents Comments: Pat McKnight expressed her desire to see our department work toward a coalition of emergency service organization to be trained and prepared for large animal rescue in the event of major disaster such as vehicle accident involving large animals, wildfires or other evacuations necessary for large animals.

Firefighters Comments: FF Kropelin addressed the Board to compliment and express gratitude to fellow firefighters and department leadership in responding and working a mutual aid situation in Galesville last evening June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Assistant Chief Bulawa reported on calls since our June meeting. A total of 74 calls including 45 medical, 10 fire calls and 16 other. Also a Mutual Aid call to assist Galesville. Of these calls 43 were in the Village, 12 in the Town of Onalaska and 18 in the Town of Holland.

Chief Menches informed the Board on a number of tasks happening in the department.

- 1) Completion of Phase I & II FTE Recruitment Process
- 2) Update was given on the ALM Grant for assistance in funding new rescue squad
- 3) Update on HAFD Needs Assessment was discussed
- 4) Discussed 6-month review of DPL 106 Minimum Standards Qualifications & Participation Standard
- 5) Reported Chief Menches and Board Member Olson are in process of preparing the 2018 Budget and will present it at the August meeting
- 6) Chief Menches informed the Board he will be out of state July 29 - Aug 2.

Discussion was held regarding the need for renovating and/or replacing current station and developing a strategic plan that incorporates SMART objectives. The subject of generator replacement was discussed. This had been put on hold 1 ½ years ago due to budget

consideration. A motion was made by Stan Hauser and Seconded by Chuck Olson to proceed with replacement of the generator. To be purchased from and installed by Kish Electric for not to exceed \$23,000. The generator will be a 38KW and include necessary switches. Funds to come from Capital account. Motion Carried. No other action was taken regarding building renovation or replacement.

August meeting will be held on August 10 at 4 p.m.

Motion by Bill Ebner to adjourn, Seconded by Jerome Pedretti. Carried