

**Holmen Area Fire Board
Board Meeting
Holmen Area Fire Department – Meeting Room
October 20, 2016
6:30 pm**

President Bogert called the Holmen Area Fire Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm on October 20, 2016 at the Holmen Area Fire Department Meeting Room.

Board members present by Roll Call: Kathy Warzynski, Jerome Pedretti, Bill Ebner, Chuck Olson, Frank Foegel and Rolly Bogert. Also present was Assistant Fire Chief Bulawa and Chief Menches.

Motion by Bill Ebner, Seconded by Jerome Pedretti to Approve the minutes of the September 28, 2016 meeting. Carried

Chuck Olson gave an overview of our current financials. He indicated that he and Chief Menches have spent considerable time reviewing the status of the 2016 budget. He indicated that we should end the year very close to the projected total budget but some categories may be adjusted. He acknowledged and thanked Chief Menches for his work in learning where we are from a financial stand point along with his assistance on the 2017 Budget preparation.

Residents Comments: None

Firefighters Comments: None

Assistant Chief Bulawa reported on calls since our August meeting. A total of 43 calls including 29 medical, 8 fire calls, 6 service calls. He reported that Dwayne Beinborn has resigned in good standing. He also gave an update on the SAFER Grant application. Our application was denied.

Chief Menches gave the Board information on a new Assistant Chief Job Description and new HAFD Membership application. He informed the Board that he and another member will be attending a WTC Job Fair on November 2nd at the WTC Sparta Training Facility. The Chief also outlined the Chlorine Response Plan for the Village of Holmen Public Works. He reported that the Firefighters Rec Fund has donated \$15,000 toward numerous equipment upgrades in the department. A huge thank you to all members.

Assistant Chief Bulawa presented a mutual aid agreement with the Trempealeau Fire Department. After discussion a motion was made by Chuck Olson, Seconded by Bill Ebner and Carried to sign the agreement with Trempealeau.

Chief Menches presented the previously tabled discussion of the sale of Unit 763(tanker). He presented the background of mutual aid tankers available to back up our department as well as options for refilling tankers in outlying areas. Motion was made by Chuck Olson, Seconded by

Jerome Pedretti and carried to proceed with the sale. Final sale price to be approved by the Board.

Chief Menches presented proposed ordinance changes for each municipality to consider in order to establish uniformity within the fire district regarding Building and Fire Codes. After discussion it was suggested that the Chief attend the Planning meetings of all municipalities to explain the need to do this. After which Fire Board members will discuss with their respective Boards to gain approval.

Discussion was held regarding the approval of the 2017 HAFD Budget. It will be on the November agenda for formal approval.

M/S/C to adjourn

Chuck Olson, Secretary/Treasurer