

**October 12, 2022**

**Regular Board Meeting**

Chairman Bukovic called the October 12, 2022 meeting to order at 6pm.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Bukovic, Ferris, Bruno, c/t Micolichek

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion was made by Bruno to approve the agenda as read; motion seconded by Ferris. Motion carried.

**Reading and approval of September minutes:**

The minutes from the September Regular board Meeting were read by Micolichek and motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Ferris; motion seconded by Bruno. Motion Carried.

**Financial Report:**

The September Financial report was presented. Motion to approve the Financial Report as read was made by Bruno; motion seconded by Ferris. Motion carried.

**Officer and Committee Reports**

**Micolichek:** Need to move budget workshop to Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00pm. Clerk advised that she has not heard back from generator repair, waste management will begin to pick up at transfer sites on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and that they pick up Fridays.

**Bukovic:** Thanked Cory Micolichek and Adam Shaver for cleaning up the south transfer site. The road crew took the refrigerators that were there so those are gone and transfer site is looking good. Garage doors on the fire garage on the north end are fixed.

**Ferris:** Advised update from Pine Creek Bridge Project. Projected finished date is the first week of November.

**Bruno:** Garage doors on north end is finished.

**Fire/EMS Personnel Discussion:** Board discussed people calling to advise they are going to quit the department. Board gave citizens in attendance to voice concerns if they wanted. Jason Hendricks talked about hardships of all departments around the state having staffing issues, and a small town like this can't afford to lose people. Tom Carlstedt voiced concerns about losing the fire department and the cost to the town and tax payers will go up so we can't lose people. Bill Prening voiced concerns about fighting within the department and that he is getting phone calls and people are quitting, he has only been the battalion chief for 12 days and can see how bad the moral is. Amy Houle-Bukovic explained she took herself off of Hiles EMS because of so many miscommunications, has concerns about losing personnel on fire as well. She also had concerns about the State being called on her and her son multiple times. Trent Wilson spoke about being a new chief and that might be why some things are hard but advised he is doing the best he can, also advised he has gotten complaints and knows he has to act on those too. Amber Wilson spoke about issues that started back in June, she said she got a call from Don Kimlicka with the State of Wisconsin who she also spoke to before this meeting and he told her to speak at the meeting, he told her a member from the north department called and he was not happy with that person, and if something was not done he was going to shut down our north end first responders, Don advised Amber the North end was running illegally. Amber discussed that there was two closed sessions the Town Board had that she was not invited to, Don advised Amber that he would talk to the board about what she needed to do to keep things legal. Spoke about a member of the North Station who was over stepping and not taking direction from the Fire Chief or Battalion Chief. Discussed issues with SAM.gov account as an example. Amy Houle Bukovic asked if Amber included anyone on her emails to and from Don from

the state, Amber advised she copied Trent into their emails. Amy voiced concerns about incident on a previous call and is worried about her license when she works in Hiles. Amber talked about jurisdiction lines and Crandon does not have an agreement to bring in first responders and that agreement would have to be filed with the state. Amy did advise she is credentialed through Crandon Rescue and can respond within their service area. Amber and Amy discussed this, and Jason Hendricks did advise that Amy as Crandon rescue can respond and work those calls if her service (Crandon rescue) is in route. Amber advised that is not what Don told her. This was discussed more between Amber and Amy, and Amy is concerned that Amber calls the state on her and has the last 3 times. Board discussed more, Mark Ferris expressed the need to address and correct all these department issues for our number one priority which is the safety and welfare of our residents.

**Closed Session per WI State Statute Sec. 19.85(1)(c)**

**Ferris made a motion to go into closed session. Bruno seconded. Motion carried**

**Reconvene into open session possible action on Fire/EMS Personnel Discussion.**

Board discussed that they will be having a closed session in the coming week to address and correct the EMS issues.

**Approval to Pay Monthly Bills:**

Motion made by Ferris to approve the payment of monthly bills and payroll as presented by clerk; motion seconded by Bukovic. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Bukovic to adjourn; motion seconded by Bruno. Motion carried.