

Meeting Minutes
Edgerton Fire Protection District Monthly Meeting
Thursday, March 14, 2024

1. President John Sherman called meeting to order on Thursday, March 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
2. Present: John Sherman, Theresa Rusch (for Anissa Welch), Kathryn Fosdal, Rob Mawhinney, David Kyle, David Viney, Jeff Klenz, Jon Jennings (for Brian Meyer), John Dohner and Candy Davis. Not present: Evan Sayre
Also present were Chief Pickering, DC Whitmore, Jeremy Parker, and Theresa Boston,
3. Davis reported agendas were posted on Monday, March 11, 2024 at Piggly Wiggly, Edgerton City Hall, Fire District Headquarters and the Edgerton Reporter.
4. Mawhinney motioned to accept agenda, was seconded by Klenz, all in favor; carried.
5. There were no public appearances.
6. Viney motioned to approve minutes of February 8, 2024 as presented, was seconded by Klenz, all in favor; carried.
7. Treasurer report: There was nothing new to report from Treasurer Davis.
8. Old Business
 - a. Update and possible action on 2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement: Chief Pickering indicated negotiations are ongoing.
 - b. Discussion and next steps on pursuing implementation of Impact Fees: Porter, Johnstown, Harmony and Sumner are all interested in continued discussion on impact fees. They will join the list with City of Edgerton, City of Milton and Town of Milton in discussion. Albion and Lima are not interested in pursuing as they do not see there would be any advantage to them. Davis will pull the interested groups together to discuss options/next steps.
 - c. Update on a search for a new Auditing firm: Chief Pickering reported he is still looking for available auditing firms.
 - d. Discussion and possible action on employee retention: Chief Pickering handed out a staffing competition update. Discussion centered around East Division Intern Opportunities.

Jennings motioned to recommend adoption of 3 intern positions for the East Division starting July 1, 2024 and to recommend to their Municipalities for approval and incorporate those costs into annual budget in amount of \$14,097 for 2024. Motion seconded by Mawhinney.

Motion passed on roll call of 5 yes/5 abstentions:

Mawhinney = Yes
Kyle = Yes
Jennings = Yes
Klenz = Yes
Rusch = Yes
Dohner = Abstain
Fosdal = Abstain
Viney = Abstain
Davis = Abstain
Sherman = Abstain

9. New Business: There was no new business to report from Chief Pickering.

10. Fire Station Project

- a. Update on USDA pre-approval application: Chief Pickering reported that the District has officially been approved as part of the pre-approval process.
- b. Discussion and possible action on USDA-required environmental impact studies: . USDA will require environmental impact studies on the 4 lots; 5 Bugles will do this for the District, as long as the impact study passes as part of the basic review. If it were not to pass the basic review, there could be additional expenses.
- c. Update on Construction Management RFQ: Chief Pickering reported he is getting draft RFQs from 5 Bugles, Rock County and Cedar Corp. as examples.
- d. Discussion and possible action on moving forward with Design Development Phase: Chief Pickering reported that this is the next step in the process – estimated to be around \$800,000 – will continue to discuss moving forward with this. USDA will be meeting at HQ on Wed, 3/20 at 10:30 am – all are invited.

11. Chief/Deputy Chief – Operations/Division Chief - EMS report:

171 EMS calls for February
19 simultaneous calls for February
4 structure fires

12. Volunteer Association, Inc. report: Nothing to report
13. Pay bills: Davis motioned to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$373,844.10 for January; was seconded by Jennings, all in favor; carried.
Davis motioned to approve bills and payroll in the amount of \$338,292.46 for February; was seconded by Jennings, all in favor; carried.
14. Other legal business to come before the Board
 - a. Discussion on dates for possible Special Meeting: Chief would like to hold a special meeting: possible disciplinary issue, and draft Amendment to IGA for language on Dissolution. Possible dates in case a meeting is needed would be March 26th or March 27th at 5:00 p.m. If meeting is needed, Secretary Davis will get in touch with the Board.
15. Adjournment: Sherman motioned to adjourn, was seconded by Fosdal, all in favor; carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;
Candy Davis, EFPD Secretary/Treasurer