

**VILLAGE OF BONDUEL/TOWN OF HARTLAND
FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024**

Chairperson Grant Staszak called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and read the statement regarding the meeting notice.

PRESENT: Tim Leitermann, Grant Staszak, and Kevin Watermolen, Chief Kevin Lynch, and Dave Bohm and Jesse Miller. Excused: Russ Gehm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Leitermann, and second by Bohm, to approve the agenda and to deviate from the order as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Bohm, and second by Leitermann to approve the Fire Commission minutes from July 18, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITIZENS/OPEN FORUM: Jesse Miller, Bonduel Area Fire Department Member present.

REPORTS

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Report on file. Chief Lynch talked about the new tool board for the equipment truck and about a Safety Alert System for all vehicles.

OUTSTANDING FIRE BILLS: Report on file of outstanding fire bills. Commission reviewed report.

BUDGET REPORT: Commission reviewed report.

NEW BUSINESS

G1. Discussion and possible action on 2025 budget and capital equipment requests:

The Commission reviewed and discussed the requests for the 2025 budget and capital equipment. Capital requests include \$9,000 for turn out gear. Motion by Bohm, second by Watermolen to move forward with the 2025 capital equipment request of \$9,000 for turn out gear. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held on operating budget requests of Chief Lynch wanting to purchase a Safety Alert System for trucks not already equipped with it at approximately \$6.00/month per vehicle, and the possibility of the Village using their 2% dues to pay for a third-party fire inspection company. The Commission discussed the Village creating a separate line item for the fire inspections which will be paid by the Village only. Motion by Bohm, second by Watermolen for Chief Lynch to add purchasing the Safety Alert System for trucks not already equipped with it, and creating the separate line item for a third-party fire inspection company to the 2025 Fire Department Operating Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H1. Discussion and possible action on Fire Department SOG's follow up.

By consensus, the commission removed this item from the agenda.

H2. Closed Session. Move to closed session to discuss fire fighter performance, membership attendance.

Motion by Watermolen, second by Leitermann to move to closed session to discuss fire fighter performance, membership attendance. [Pursuant to Wis. State Statutes, Chapter 19, General Duties of Public Officials, subchapter V, 19.85 exemptions (1)(c) [Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.] At the end of the closed session, the Commission will reconvene in open session. Roll call was taken, motion carried unanimously. Commission moved into closed session at 6:34 pm.

Motion by Bohm, second by Leitermann to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Commission returned to open session at 6:55 pm.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS OR NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED AT A FUTURE MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Fire Commission Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 5:30pm.

Motion by Leitermann, second by Watermolen, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Watermolen