

**VILLAGE OF BONDUEL/TOWN OF HARTLAND
FIRE COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025**

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

PRESENT: Tim Leitermann, Russ Gehm, Kevin Watermolen, Chief Kevin Lynch, Mike Miner, and Richard Streetman. Excused: Dave Bohm

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Gehm, and second by Leitermann, to approve the Fire Commission minutes from July 17, 2025 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CITIZENS/OPEN FORUM: Jeremy Knors, Fire Fighter Applicant

REPORTS

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Report on file.

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

NEW BUSINESS

G1. Discussion and possible action on 2026 budget and capital equipment requests

The Commission reviewed several capital equipment requests, including the purchase of two sets of turnout gear at a cost of \$9,880 and backup batteries for the storm siren totaling \$540. Members also noted the need for additional pages and discussed the proposed pay raise, which would bring wages to \$20 per hour. In addition, the Commission considered plans to support operations while looking for creative ways to add equipment without increasing expenses for the town and village. By consensus, the Commission agreed to revisit this at their next meeting.

G2. Closed Session. Move to closed session to discuss potential fire fighter candidate, fire fighter performance, membership attendance and background check reviews. Motion by Bohm, second by Leiterman move to closed session to discuss a potential fire fighter candidate fire fighter performance, membership attendance and background check reviews. [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 5:38 pm.

Motion by Gehm, second by Leitermann to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously. Commission returned to open session at 5:48 pm.

Motion by Leitermann, second by Watermolen to add Jeremy Knors to the Bonduel Area Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H1. Discussion and possible action on departmental procedures and protocols for the 4th of July The Commission discussed the need for an SOP for the 4th of July and to use the plan for all emergency vehicles in the parade. By consensus, the Commission agreed to revisit this at their next meeting.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Fire Commission Meetings:

Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Gehm, second by Leitermann, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Watermolen