

GRESHAM AREA FIRE BOARD MEETING

APRIL 23, 2025

Minutes

MEMEBERS PRESENT: Duane Spiegel, Herman; Gary Olsen, Red Springs; Brett Hoffman and Tom Madsen, Gresham.

OTHERS PRESENT: Andy Schmidt, Chief, Rick Giese, Captain.

LOCATION AND TIME: Gresham Village Hall – 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Call to Order:** President Spiegel called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- 2. Secretary's Report:** Motion by Olsen to approve. Second by Spiegel. Approved.
- 3. Fire Chief's Report:**
 - A.** Chief Schmidt reported the department responded to a fire on Highway 29.
 - B.** Discussed the procedure of how invoices for services should be paid. He suggested the municipalities get the bill directly, the municipality then bills the family/person. After some discussion, Olsen motioned the municipalities to bill the individual directly. If it cannot be paid, it goes on the individual's property tax bill. Second by Spiegel. Approved.
 - C.** Chief Schmidt reported the department will be hosting the Shawano County Fire Department Association meeting on April 24. Sixteen departments are expected to attend.
 - D.** Discussed life assistance and billing for private entities. When the department responds to assist in private life assistance calls, the municipalities are not reimbursed. This will be researched and put on a future agenda.
 - E.** The Fire Department golf outing will be held at the Marion golf course on June 28.
- 4. Issues:**
 - A.** Potential Budget Changes: Chief Schmidt suggested a possible 3% increase in the budget. It will be brought up at the July meeting.
 - B.** Chief Schmidt said the Stockbridge Munsee asked for a meeting to discuss Automatic Aid between the two departments. Apparently they do not have the

personnel to respond alone. This Automatic Aid would be in effect for just structure fires. It appears to be MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) issue. The Chief will discuss with his Stockbridge-Munsee counterpart and report at a later date. Captain Giese suggested that Bowler should also be involved.

5. Adjournment: Motion by Olsen to adjourn, second by Spiegel. Approved.

NEXT MEETING DATE: July 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Madsen, Secretary