

**APPROVED**  
**Cedar Area Fire & Rescue Board**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 2:00 pm**  
**Cedar Fire Department**

Call to Order

Chairman Greg Julian called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present on roll call were Greg Julian, Chris Comeaux, John DePuy, Chris Comeaux, John Imboden and Ron Schaub. John DePuy arrived at 2:07 pm. Andy Doornbos and Dana Boomer was present as staff.

Discussions/decisions will be for the direction of the Cedar Area Fire & Rescue Board as previously published, per the Open Meetings Act. Potential quorums of township boards will be noted in the minutes.

Citizens Comments – None

Consideration of Agenda – The board briefly discussed the agenda. **Motion by Schaub to approve the agenda as presented, second by Imboden. All in favor, motion carried.**

Minutes: Approval of October 5, 2023 General Meeting Minutes – **Motion by Imboden to approve the October 5, 2023 General Meeting Minutes as presented, second by Schaub. All in favor, motion carried.**

Correspondence Received – None

Financials –

Boomer had previously provided a handout to the board which detailed the financial statements for October. The board briefly discussed the vendors payable and payroll. The updated unpaid bills detailed list was presented, and briefly discussed.

**Comeaux moved to accept the October vendors payable as presented, Imboden seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Comeaux moved to accept the October payrolls as presented, Schaub seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

DePuy joined the meeting at 2:07 pm.

**Schaub moved to accept the October financial statements as presented, DePuy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

Schaub stated that if it is within budget, he would like to see the first of the payments made from the operating fund to the capital fund made this month.

Unfinished Business:

- a. 2024-2026 Budget – Kasson, Cleveland, and Centerville have approved the budget for 2024-2026. Solon has not yet addressed the budget. The board continued the discussion of possibly moving to a one-year budget cycle. Schaub stated that he is continuing to address it with his board, and the other townships are having discussions on the same topic. The supervisors will be discussing this at the next interlocal draft meeting. The board briefly discussed the upcoming renewal of the interlocal agreement.

New Business:

- a. Any New Business – None

Reports:

- a. Fire Chief – The Chief’s Report was provided in the meeting packet. Doornbos summarized his report. The board briefly discussed. The major event for October was the upgrading of the CAFR license to full ALS status. All of the paperwork for the new ambulance has been submitted.
- b. Department Staff – None
- c. Chairman – Julian appreciates the content that has been being posted on the department Facebook page and new Instagram page. He has been continuing to pursue property for a new station for Kasson and Cleveland Townships. He and Doornbos have been working on a minimum property size, to allow space for the building, parking, septic, well, and other uses. Doornbos has been working with the Health Department on what would be needed for approximate sizes for septic and well areas.

Citizens Comments – None

Board Member & Chair Comments – Imboden suggested a motion to formalize the work that has taken place to move the department to ALS status. The board requested that a resolution of appreciation be drafted for them to consider and approve at the December meeting.

DePuy stated that it has been wonderful to see the changes in the department over the last decade. He recently returned from France, where he had the opportunity to tour Omaha Beach. That beach memorializes the sacrifice of many young men in 1944. He’s not sure if people today have the resolve that was shown on that beach. He thanked the military, firefighters, and EMTs today who put their lives on the line with every call.

Julian wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded them to think about firearm safety with the upcoming rifle season for deer. Some of the workout equipment at the department was donated by a customer of his that recently passed away, who loved her time in Northern Michigan.

Next Meeting Date – The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 2 pm.

**DePuy moved, Schaub seconded to adjourn the meeting. With no further business, Julian adjourned the meeting at 2:48 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dana Boomer  
Recording Secretary