

APPROVED
Cedar Area Fire & Rescue Board
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 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, John DePuy, Chris Comeaux, John Imboden, and Ron Schaub. 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 DePuy to approve the agenda as presented, second by Imboden. All in favor, motion carried.**

Minutes: Approval of February 7, 2024 General Meeting Minutes – **Motion by Comeaux to approve the February 7, 2024 General Meeting Minutes as presented, second by Schaub. All in favor (Imboden abstained), motion carried.**

Correspondence Received – None

Financials –

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

Schaub moved to accept the February vendors payable as presented, DePuy seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

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

DePuy moved to accept the February financial statements as presented, Imboden seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Boomer had presented a proposed budget amendment in this month's financial packet. This will be the final budget amendment for the year. The board briefly discussed. **Comeaux moved,**

Schaub seconded to approve the March budget amendment as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- a. None

New Business:

- a. 2023 Annual Report – Doornbos presented a draft 2023 annual report. He is continuing to make edits to it, and will send the final version to the board members when it is ready to be printed for the annual meetings.

The board and staff had a brief discussion about community risk reduction programs, especially focused on the reduction of calls for patients falling, given the number of fall calls to which Cedar responds. Lt. Johnson will be attending a class at NFA on community risk reduction programs.

- b. Any New Business – None

Reports:

- a. Fire Chief – The Chief’s Report was provided in the meeting packet. Doornbos summarized his report. In addition, he recognized Lt. Voiles for his 10th place finish at the World’s Strongest Firefighter Competition, which was covered in the Leelanau Enterprise this week. The board briefly discussed.
- b. Department Staff – None
- c. Chairman – Julian reported that Cleveland and Kasson Townships are still discussing options for a second station. The Kasson Board has directed Julian to communicate with the Cleveland Township Board regarding their thoughts on moving forward with this project.

Citizens Comments – None

Board Member & Chair Comments – DePuy is proud of the staff, and the department has come a long ways since 2016.

Imboden and DePuy have terms that are up for re-appointment this month. An email was sent to the township clerks and supervisors in February regarding this, but Boomer asked the fire board members to remind their township boards of this agenda item for March.

DePuy will not be at the April meeting.

Next Meeting Date – The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 2 pm.

Comeaux moved, DePuy seconded to adjourn the meeting. With no further business, Julian adjourned the meeting at 2:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Boomer
Recording Secretary