



Southern Ozaukee Fire & EMS Commission
MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, September 10, 2025

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street, Thiensville, WI

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nerbun called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Mequon

Mayor Andrew Nerbun

Administrator Will Jones

Alderman Gregg Bach

Alderman William Gebhardt (Excused)

Citizen Lynn Streeter

Thiensville

President John Rosing

Trustee Kristina Eckert

Administrator Colleen Landisch-Hansen

Citizen Doug Chimenti

Alternate Trustee David Lange

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 14, 2025 (att)

B. July 9, 2025 (att)

MOTION to Approve May 14, 2025 & July 9, 2025 Minutes by President Rosing **SECONDED** by Citizen Streeter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. ITEMS REQUIRING COMMISSION ACTION

A. Review and Action Regarding Certification of Eligibility List for Paid-on-Call Members

Battalion Chief Lemke gave a brief overview of the candidates and their backgrounds.

Battalion Chief Lemke shared that four of the eight candidates are community members. The Department focused on recruiting locally, but applicants with certifications from outside the community are also valuable additions.

Chief Bialk noted that, although it may seem like a lot of people, the investment cost is actually low.

Battalion Chief Lemke stated that current members of the department have been the best recruiters, expressing to others that the Department is a great place to work.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen inquired if any direct recruiting had been done at UWM. Chief Bialk responded that there had not; it was just word of mouth.

MOTION to Approve Certification of Eligibility List for Paid-on-Call Members by Citizen Chimenti **SECONDED** by Citizen Streeter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

ROLL CALL VOTE

Aye: Nerbun, Streeter, Bach, Rosing, Eckert, Chimenti

No: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Review and Action Regarding Certification of Eligibility List for Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedics

Chief Bialk gave a brief introduction of the candidates. Battalion Chief Lemke stated that the Department couldn't have asked for better internal candidates.

Trustee Eckert noted previously meeting Josh and was impressed with him.

Citizen Streeter stated that it was a privilege and pleasure to interview both candidates, and believes they bring great value to the Department. Citizen Streeter recommended extending an offer to both candidates, with one for the 2025 opening and one for the 2026 opening.

Mayor Nerbun agreed, stating that if funding allows, there is no reason not to hire both.

MOTION to approve Certification of Eligibility List for Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedics by Citizen Streeter **SECONDED** by President Rosing. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0
Abstain: 0

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to Adjourn at 6:46 PM by President Rosing **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Submitted by,

Ben Honeck
Deputy clerk

Signed by,

Colleen Landisch-Hansen
Village Administrator/Clerk