



Southern Ozaukee Fire & EMS Board
MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2026
LOCATION: 250 Elm Street, Thiensville,
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TIME: 5:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nerbun called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Mequon

Mayor Andrew Nerbun

Administrator Will Jones

Alderman Gregg Bach

Alderman William Gebhardt

Citizen Lynn Streeter (Excused)

Thiensville

President John Rosing (Excused)

Trustee Kristina Eckert

Administrator Landisch-Hansen

Citizen Doug Chimenti

Alternate Trustee David Lange

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 14, 2026 (att)

MOTION to Approve by Alderman Gebhardt **SECONDED** by Trustee Eckert. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

IV. PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Personal Appearances and Public Comment: Citizens wishing to address the SOFD Board on any matter not on the agenda may do so at this time. If you desire to be heard on agenda items, you may be heard when that item is considered on the agenda. The time limit is FIVE minutes.

None.

V. FINANCE

VI. OPERATIONS

A. Review and Action Regarding Lexipol Policies Implementation (att)

Chief Bialk gave the context for the Lexipol agreement.

Deputy Chief Boehlke explained that the Department was seeking approval of implementation of LExipol policies, as recommended by the Department attorney at the January Board meeting.

Deputy Chief Boehlke noted that once accepted, the policies would then need to be disseminated throughout the department.

Alderman Bach asked whether automatic updates are implemented by Lexipol. Deputy Chief Boehlke explained that it depends on the type of update, but if updates were required, Lexipol would most likely implement them.

MOTION to Approve Implementation of Lxipol Policies by Citizen Chimenti **SECONDED** by Alderman Bach. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

ROLL CALL VOTE

Aye: Nerbun, Bach, Gebhardt, Chimenti, Eckert, Lange

No: None

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Community EMS Program Update (att)

Deputy Chief Boehlke reported that in order to operate as a community EMS provider, a Community EMS service license needed to be obtained from the State. This license was

granted by the State on March 4, fulfilling that requirement for the program. The operational plan for the Community EMS Program is currently under review within the department before being submitted to the state. Additionally, two individuals have completed training as community paramedics.

Deputy Chief Boehlke shared that the Department is exploring ImageTrend Health Information Hub. This software is already used by the department, which has a suite specifically for the Health Information Hub, a two-way informational pathway between the Department and Hospitals. This software is valuable because it enables the Department to obtain specific information from hospitals to improve ongoing care after transport.

Trustee Eckert asked for an example of how this software interacts with elder care facilities. Deputy Chief Boehlke is working with the nursing directors at these facilities. However, this use is not as prevalent as the focus is on finding information and care, and the residents of these facilities are already in care.

C. 2025 SOFD Annual Report (att)

Chief Bialk summarized the report, noting that Thiensville and Mequon have roughly equal call volumes relative to population, each representing approximately 2.8% of the total population in both municipalities. Call volumes have stabilized, response times remain consistent, and that gross charges by the Department were fairly flat between 2024/2025. Chief Bialk also reported that repeat false alarm calls in Mequon now incur fines, whereas Thiensville does not have a similar ordinance.

Alderman Bach inquired if there is an appeal process for a second false alarm. Chief Bialk explained that some offenders have appealed, but that there is no formal process.

Alderman Bach questioned if there are different costs based on destination. Chief Bialk explained that passengers pay by the mile, but most often these costs are covered by medicare.

Administrator Jones questioned whether the contract with the City of Cedarburg accurately balances the percentage of overall call volume with the revenue generated by those calls. Chief Bialk noted that the contract expires at the end of the year and that the Department could renegotiate the terms if needed, although most Cedarburg calls are canceled before transport.

Citizen Chimenti inquired about control measures to prevent a large volume of false alarm calls from Cedarburg. Chief Bialk explained that the Department sends a transport based on whether a call meets specific criteria, which then automatically results in an EMS dispatch.

D. Mequon Public Safety Building Assessment Report

Chief Bialk summarized the timeline of the Public Safety Building Assessment.

Another study will be conducted on the Public Safety Building to determine if it is suitable to house the Department and to identify necessary renovations and their costs. A final decision will not be made until the May 12 meeting of the Mequon Common Council.

Administrator Landisch-Hansen asked whether the building would serve as the headquarters or just a satellite location. Deputy Chief Boehlke confirmed that the building would serve as the headquarters.

Administrator Jones requested clarification on whether there would be an update at the May meeting. Chief Bialk confirmed there would be an update.

E. Bi-Monthly Update

Chief Bialk gave the bi-monthly update.

VII. NEXT MEETING

A. May 13, 2026

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to Adjourn at 6:09 PM by Trustee Eckert **SECONDED** by Trustee Gebhardt. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Aye: 6

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Submitted by,

Ben Honeck
Deputy clerk

Signed by,

Colleen Landisch-Hansen
Village Administrator/Clerk