

Commissioner Meeting

01/10/2026

Meeting Called to Order at 3:00pm

Flag salute

In attendance were Commissioner Slawson, Commissioner Elect Rike, Commissioner Elect Thurman, Chief Bonn, and Secretary Bonn. Additional attendees included Auxiliary members Barb Holte, Judy Burke, and Jennifer Vierling along with community members Linda Bender, Mark Fulton, John Holte, and Andy Grove. Kim Gleason and Steve Nielsen attended by Zoom

Swear in newly elected Commissioners: Chuck Thurman and Dan Rike were sworn into office.

Motion to accept minutes - Commissioner Thurman made a motion to accept minutes of 10/11/2025, 12/13/2025, 12/22/2025 & 12/31/2025. Dan Rike seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Finance Report: Our primary cash account started at \$182,022.32 on December 1st and ended at \$173,539.36 on December 31st. The Year End Statement for this account shows an opening balance of \$223,809.36 and an ending balance of \$173,539.36. Our secondary account started at \$209814.71 and ended at \$209854.94. The Year End Statement for this account started at \$209663.33 and ended at \$209854.94. Our two investment accounts remained the same for the month of December at \$12374.42. The Year End Statement for investment accounts show an increase in each account from \$12068.15 to \$12374.42.

Motion to accept and pay vouchers was made by Commissioner Thurman. It was seconded by Commissioner Rike and approved unanimously.

The Budget Tracker was discussed and it looks like some balances on the Summary page may be off due to incorrect or modified formulas. It will be reviewed and adjusted for accuracy if necessary.

Chief's Report: Marine 27 title has been sent from the DNR.

Old Business:

- Year-end wrap up- not discussed.
- Recognition of Commissioner Steven Nielsen for 30 years of service
- Next year planning – not discussed.

New Business:

- Steve Nielsen has requested to return to the department as a fire fighter. Application has been forwarded to Chief Bonn
- Auxiliary MOU- In attendance from the Auxiliary were Barb Holte, Judy Burke, and Jennifer Vierling. A discussion regarding the MOU was conducted between the members of the Auxiliary and the Commissioners. Clarification regarding some line items was requested by the Auxiliary with the Commissioners explaining that if the building is to be used for anything other than Fire Department related business, that the Commissioners need to be notified to ensure that our insurance policy will cover any potential liability. Judy Burke has a draft policy dated 11/18/2024 that was created by former Chief John Gray to outline the Fire Departments role and the Auxiliaries role. The Auxiliary and Commissioners will sit down to further discuss some of the wording in the contract prior to signing it. The Commissioners clarified that former Chief Gray does not have the authority to adopt policy. He placed many policies in a book and most have not been approved by the Commissioners. The Auxiliary is currently a 501(c)7 and are working toward getting their 501(c)3 status.
- 2026 budget- skipped.
- Donation from Chuck Handley- Chuck Handley offered a donation of \$7500 to be matched with \$7500 of Fire Department budget money to be allotted for Marine 27. He will donate another \$7500 in June 2026 to the Fire Department with no earmark for that additional \$7500. Commissioner Thurman moved to accept the donation. It was seconded by Commissioner Rike and approved unanimously. The contract has been reviewed, signed, and will be sent to Chuck Handley for his signature.
- Web site update- Commissioner Thurman made a motion to have Secretary Bonn send updates to Nate Moyal for upload to the website by the Friday after the Commissioner meeting. Commissioner Slawson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- EMS Trauma Pass Through Grant- Grant was awarded in the amount of \$965 for 2026.
- Petty Cash balance- has been reconciled. Secretary Bonn to request reimbursement to get the balance up to \$150.
- Per Chief Bonn, E27B is ready for surplus.
- Secretary Bonn to reach out to BVFF to get invoices for the current year and for 2016 which appears to have been missed.
- Community members asked what topics are allowed in Executive Session.

The meeting was closed at 4:52 pm.

Move to Executive Session: Talk with the Chief Bonn, MOU, Policies, donations.

The meeting reconvened at 5:48pm. Nothing to report

Commissioner Thurman moved to close the meeting at 5:49pm. This was seconded by Commissioner Slawson and approved unanimously.

No Volunteer Pension Meeting