

**FRIENDS OF TOWNSEND FIRE
MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY JUNE 21, 2025 9:30AM
LOCATION: TOWNSEND FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING ROOM**

ATTENDEES: Duane Bann Joni Bande Wanda Laste Anita Szyszkiewicz Deb Franzen
Dacon Franzen Joe Heyrman Linda Ziegler Nancy Smith Donna Fischer (Tom Peters)
(Kathy Peters)

Wanda Laste, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32am.

Motion made to Approve the Saturday May 17, 2025 FOTF Membership meeting minutes by
Joni B, seconded by Joe H. Motion carried.

UPDATES:

-Cans: Next Can Run will be before July 4th. Kevin O will advise of date & if help is needed.
Last Can run collected \$290+. Remember NO aluminum foil, NO food tins, NO cat food
cans. Just beer/soda CANS. Joni B is working on a Garbage Can Topper sign to hopefully
remind people to separate their Cans from their Trash at the July 4th Event.

-Online Store: An explanation of 'Kevin O Pickup' vs 'Delivery' when buying on the online
site. Kevin will pick up & deliver to the next FOTF meeting when items are chosen as 'Kevin
O Pickup'. This also saves you on the shipping costs. 'Delivery' can be chosen if you want
your order delivered to your home address. This includes a shipping fee.

-Social Media: All going well. Remember that the FOTF meeting minutes are posted on the
website once available.

FINANCIALS:

-Audit: An audit on the FOTF financials was completed by Circle R/Fischer Accounting with
a GLOWING REVIEW! A letter from Circle R/Fischer of the Audit review was provided to the
membership and will be posted on the FOTF website. GREAT JOB TREASURER DEB!

-Grant Committee: Working on Grant opportunities for: Hose washer & Rack, Roadside
Safety Equipment, and Balance for TFD Meeting room updates.

-Budget: Copy of the 2025 Budget updated to 5/31/25 was provided to the membership for
review.

-Donations: A recent donation of \$500 was made.

-Funds Requests: Recent Board Approved Fund Requests include: \$500 towards a Gear
Drying Rack, \$5000 towards DNR Wildland FF Equipment (50/50 grant), \$1000 towards a

new secretary laptop, Misc costs for repairs & update to vehicles including gas struts for Truck 2911.

-Recent Expenditures include Annual FOTF Insurance policy, Truck Registration , and misc. July 4th expenses.

JULY 4th CELEBRATION UPDATE: ** LESS THAN 2 WEEKS AWAY**

-We hold separate meetings for the July 4th Event. -Tickets sales so far have deposited over \$12,000. -THURSDAY JULY 3rd at 4pm will be a (tentative) WORKDAY getting as much set up as possible before the 4th. Not sure how long we will be working that day but I'm sure there will be help needed. Watch for emails! -Discussion on picking up soda from Antigo Pick n Save. PnS has been working closely with us on our order & giving us great deals. (We would go to Mike's, but he does not have the room & understands the size of our order.) -Remember the extended parade route is AROUND the ballpark. And new fireworks launch location is on Pickerel Lake Rd near Village View. - A few Volunteer spots are still open. If you know anyone who could help on the 4th, please let Linda Z know. T-shirts are provided to anyone volunteering on the 4th. An Appreciation Luncheon is provided to all who help out! Please respond to ANITA if you are able to attend so that we can get a proper count. Reminder slips will be handed out on the 4th. / Meat Raffle was discussed. Deb is working with Steve at Mike's on the best meat deals. This Event is an ALL MEAT raffle; no soda, fillers, etc. / Cooling down on the 4th is VERY IMPORTANT. Water is free to those working. Barn fans will be provided in certain areas. If you get too hot, please come into the TFD meeting room to cool down. / We will have walkie-talkie radios at each station to advise if someone needs a break or cash pick up or other. / Those members picking up donations from local businesses, PLEASE TURN DONATIONS IN ASAP. We need the prizes in so we can bundle prizes and create prize worksheets. / ROUGH timeline for the 4th was passed out. This is only tentative but hopefully captures all the things we have going on that day. / A 'special' spin wheel will take place about 3:30 on the 4th for (4) Infield Box Brewers tickets & a Parking pass. The Brewers are doing Great so this should be a Great Package!!! Second prize on this 'special' spin wheel will be premium seating for the Townsend Fireworks!!

TFD REPORT:

-TFD was paged out 33 times so far in 2025. This is more than ALL of 2024!!!

-Hose & Ladder testing is completed. Dry Hydrants have been flushed & cleared. Home Fire Ignition Assessment were completed around the Wapota Lake area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-There is a Kids Fisheye next weekend, Saturday June 28th at Wendts Sandbar. This is a great family event with lots of raffles & prizes. Trophies for many kids. Registration starts at 7am, weigh in by 1pm. Food & Beverages available.

MEETINGS:

- FOTF July 4th WORKDAY. Thursday July 3rd. 4pm. TFD.
- Membership meeting. Saturday July 19th 9:30am. TFD.

Motion made to Adjourn by Dacon F, seconded by Nancy S. Motion carried. Adjourned 10:24am.

(Meeting minutes submitted by Wanda Laste, Chair, due to hand injury of Secretary Anita Szyszkiewicz.)

6/23/25