



Sandwich Community Fire Protection district

Agenda

July 10th, 2025

7:00 PM

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum / Comments from the Public

Review, Correct and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes Including Special Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Correspondence

Attorney's Report

Chief's Report

Executive Session

ILCS120/2©(1):

Old Business

- Union Negotiation discussion
- Pheonix alerting system
- 2025 Auditor decision

New Business

- Equipment Purchase request
- Training Requests
- New Personnel

Posted: Tuesday July 8th, 2025, At 1402 hrs. by Derek Hagerty

*Sandwich Community Fire Protection District
Meeting Minutes*

June 12, 2025

7:00 P.M.

*Present: Trustee President – Jeff Beverage
 Trustee Secretary – Justin Gifford
 Trustee Treasurer – Matt Weismiller
 Chief – Derek Hagerty*

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Beverage opened the meeting at 7:04 P.M followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum / Comments from the Public

None

Review, Correct and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Trustee Beverage made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Trustee Weismiller. Trustees Beverage, Weismiller and Gifford all voted yes.

Treasurer's Report

Trustee Weismiller stated that the Cash on Hand is \$2,387,415.22 and the disbursements total is \$23,767.52. Trustee Gifford made a motion to approve the Cash on Hand and approve the disbursements as state, seconded by Trustee Beverage. Trustees Gifford, Beverage and Weismiller all voted yes.

Correspondence

Trustee Beverage read a letter from KenCom regarding retiring Jackie Cline and invitation to retirement party, Thank you from the Sandwich Sports Boosters with Jeff Grey being the contact for the Department meeting the track bus, a Thank You from HOP-Haskin Organization of Paretns- for coming to the school, and a thank you from Frank and Jane (no last name given) for wedding band help.

Attorney's Report

None

Chief's Report

(Attached)

Executive Session

(Roll Call/Reason)

ILSC120/2©(1):

Old Business

-Dry Hydrants in Lake Holiday – no update. Missed the workday. Shooting for the next one.

New Business

-Equipment Purchase Requests – None

-Training Requests – There have been lots of requests, but they have all been free classes.

*-New Personnel – 7/1/25 – Cadet – IVVC student still in High School. Recruit – EMT already.
-Trustee rolls – President: Trustee Weismiller nominated Trustee Beverage, Trustee Gifford seconded. Secretary: Trustee Beverage motioned for Trustee Gifford, seconded by Trustee Weismiller. Treasurer: Trustee Beverage motioned for Trustee Weismiller, Trustee Gifford seconded. Trustees Beverage, Weismiller and Gifford all voted yes.*

Executive Session

Trustee Beverage asked if the Trustees and Chief could enter into Executive Session at 7:09 P.M.

Trustees re-opened the regular meeting at 7:37 P.M.

-Union negotiation discussion, dates, and Liaison. -Chief Hagerty to get with Scott, Union Rep., to set up a meeting the week of the 14th or 21st of July 2025. One Trustee to meet regarding Union contract. Trustee Weismiller, Chief Hagerty and Attorney Flaherty to represent the District.

-Public hearing and adoption of the budget and Appropriations ordinance – Trustee Beverage opened public hearing at 7:49 P.M., no comments on budget and appropriations. Trustee Beverage motioned to adopt the budget and the appropriations ordinance, seconded by Trustee Weismiller, Trustees Beverage, Weismiller and Gifford all voted yes.

-Pheonix alerting system – Current District system is obsolete. Cost would be \$26,100.13, which includes a \$15,000 discount, to upgrade everything while the company is in the area doing other departments. It's not accounted for in the current budget. They can do a free upgrade, but the big upgrade will have to be done in the next 5-10 years. Trustee Gifford asked if the company would accept a down payment now and hold the price until next year. Chief Hagerty will talk with them and report back next month what they say.

-2025 Auditor decision – Trustee Gifford made a motion to get some request for proposal from some other auditors, this ensures fair price and good audits as the company can't get complacent. Trustee Beverage seconded the motion. Trustees Gifford, Beverage and Weismiller all voted yes.

Adjournment

Trustee Beverage made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M., seconded by Trustee Weismiller, Trustees Beverage, Weismiller and Gifford all voted yes.

Chief Notes:

The last Months happenings.

July 10th, 2025

- Engine 421 Repairs: Still out on repairs. Saying it will be back at the end of this week?
- Medic 441 Repairs: has another severe air leak and won't hold air. AC isn't working.
- Medic 442 Update: Is finally back!!
- Engine 425 has a major water leak from one of the discharges. It is past due for its PM. It is going to go for PM and repair once 421 comes back.
- Union conversation: Contracts are in. Need to set up a meeting date for negotiations. The July 15th meeting was pushed back.
- Dry Hydrant update: Did talk to Somonauk. Chief Colford would not be interested. They do not want to put Lake Holiday water through their pumps due to the settlements and such.
- Fire Bureau Update:
 - Dollar tree is going in and everything is running smoothly with them.
 - They are working on two 55 and older communities. One bigger gated community behind Valley west and another apartment building at Indian Springs.
 - New used car dealership is going in at 1200 E. Church St.
 - The final phase of Fairwinds starts any day.
 - Fays BBQ is looking to eventually turn that gletty building into a sit-down restaurant, but for now it's drive through only on Fridays. Hours will be changing soon.
 - Hotel has refused us to enter now three times. The city is thinking something is going on. Looking to make a mandatory inspection with no denial.
 - Solar farm is going to be starting very soon at 34 and Sandy bluff.
 - 3 N. Main St. is working with the city now. They want to put a events place on the second floor. They are living on the third. Possibly office space on the first.
 - Old Bell building is cleaned out. The city is going to court with the owners for lack of interest on the building. Waiting to hear the outcome.
 - 206 S. Main Street upgraded their alarm systems. Adding Smoke, heat, and pull stations
- Pheonix alerting system: New system update. We do get that free upgrade. The system to upgrade is normally \$36,000. Includes computers, all new speakers etc. The company offered to do it for us at \$16,500 while they are doing it with other departments in the area. This is something that we would have to update at some point in the next 5 to 8 years. Our current

system is obsolete. Update: quote came back, and they are charging 10 grand installations. So, it would be 26,100.13 installed.

- Grant for two new thermal imagers. I would like to spend 500 on the 4-year warrantee. Grant only covers the devices.
- The Blaze in the city went well. Over 200 cars participated.
- Do we want to pay \$117 for a year subscription to Sandwich Record?
- I will be out of state at the next meeting and will not be in attendance.
- We have had five structure fires in the last few weeks. Had our own SFD Fire Investigators come to investigate, and it works out great!
- Sandwich EMA has been set up and we are able to dispatch them to calls we need traffic control too. They will be coming to Structure fires and MVC's. They can also be special requested to any scene.
- Had our IPRF audit and went really well. Zero recommendations and said he will see us in a year.
- Not having luck finding a new accountant. The districts around us are using the one we have been using. Justing reached out with no luck, and I have talked to two additional. No luck. I was recommended one from downtown but have not received a call back. Still working on this. Did receive a quote from our current auditor. \$9600.00 to do our audit this coming year.
- Verizon bill: After countless hours on the phone and approvals Verizon bill is finally fixed and headed in the right direction. Starting July 26, we will see a significant change in the bill for the same service we have.
- EMT class that we are hosting here is now half over and going really well.
- HVAC unit quote discussion. 10 AC units and 10 Furnaces.
- Workman's comp bill changed to monthly, but invoices are online. Figuring this out. Have it set up now.
- Water softener. Same set up as we have now. It's \$3900 new or \$3692 for repairs. Barrett's, Key, and Ross quoted, and Barrett's was the best price new.
- Platt is working on getting all the O2 tanks and bottles replaced to do in house vs using Air Gas.
- PR EVENTS:
 - We had a 4-day children's camp here. It was a lot of fun, and the kids really enjoyed it!
 - We had 43 kids from a Yorkville academy here for one day of fun. Great feedback!
 - Invited to participate in Cornerstone church for Bible study for the day. It was of course water day, so we sprayed the kids down. Always fun!