



## **Sandwich Community Fire Protection district**

### **Agenda**

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June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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

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#### **Old Business**

- Dry Hydrants in Lake Holiday

#### **New Business**

- Equipment Purchase request
- Training Requests
- New Personnel
- Trustee rolls (President, Secretary, and treasurer)
- Union negotiation discussion, dates, and Liaison.
- Public hearing and adoption of the budget and Appropriations ordinance
- Pheonix alerting system
- 2025 Auditor decision
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Posted: Tuesday June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, At 1337 hrs. by Derek Hagerty

**Sandwich Community Fire Protection District**  
**Meeting Minutes**

May 8, 2025

7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Sandwich Community Fire Protection District Board of Trustees was held on Thursday April 8, 2025. Roll call showed Trustee Beverage, Trustee Fish and Trustee Weismiller present. Fire Chief Derek Hagerty was also in attendance as well as 2 members of the fire department. A quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Trustee Beverage. All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Beverage thanked Trustee Fish for his 6 years of service on the board.

The floor was open for public comments. There were none.

Trustee Beverage made a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting. Trustee Weismiller seconded the motion, motion carried. Trustee Fish made a motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting, Trustee Weismiller seconded the motion, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read and showed a balance as of 4/30/25 \$2,3692,401.85. The balance as of May 8,2025 \$2,345,233.08. Trustee Fish made a motion to accept the report as submitted. Trustee Weismiller seconded the motion, motion carried. Trustee Fish seconded to motion; motion carried. Bills to be paid totaled \$42,939.14. Trustee Beverage made a motion to pay the bills. Trustee Weismiller seconded the motion, motion carries.

**Correspondence** – Trustee Beverage read two thank you cards.

**Attorney's report**-none

**Chiefs Report** – Chief Hagerty brought up an ongoing bill for vehicle maintenance and repairs that were not authorized by the district. After discussion, Trustee Beverage made a motion to pay the bill. Trustee Fish seconded the motion, motion carries. be discussed in new business.

Chief Hagerty noted that during the past three months we have had to have other departments cover 48 EMS calls. There was discussion on this, however no decision was made. Chief Hagerty noted that an EMT class will be started here. Chief Hagerty also noted that there are cracks in the parking lot that need to be addressed. Trustee Weismiller will check into getting them fixed.

Chief Hagerty noted that the City is looking into hiring an attorney to fight property tax appeals. The district will put this on the agenda for next month to go in with the city to help offset costs. Chief Hagerty also noted that the union wants a trustee appointed for negotiations. This item will be tabled till next month.

Chief Hagerty submitted a report on the status of the roof. At this time it is good and was rated as being in fair condition.

**Closed session-** None needed.

**Old Business** – Trustee Weismiller reported on the status of installing dry hydrants at Lake Holiday, He noted that the board at Lake Holiday never received notice from the water supplier of the issue. He will continue to talk with them.

**New Business** – None

Trustee Fish thanked Trustees Beverage and Weismiller for all their cooperation and support over his term as a trustee. He noted that together he felt we have moved the department forward without adding a burden to the taxpayers.

There being no further business, Trustee Weismiller made a motion to adjourn at 8:04PM. Trustee Fish seconded the motion, motion carried.

Chuck Fish

Secretary

## **Chief Notes:**

### **The last Months happenings.**

**June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- Dry Hydrants: Talked with Matt. He was going to put us on the work session for a meeting and that did not happen. Reached out to him again waiting on a call back. Will try again early next week and let you all know
- Engine 421 Repairs: Leaking antifreeze, Intake valve rebuilt. The brakes look good per EVS.
- Medic 441 Repairs: Two times an airline has broken. This recent one took it out of service, and we borrowed an ambulance from Newark.
- Medic 442 Update: Should be completed by 6/13 and brought back.
- Truck 481 repairs: Once 421 comes back 481 will be going to get all its work done finally. Cables to the main adjusted, control handles in bucket, no AC, couple other minor things.
- 431 repairs: Window Regulator has been fixed. AC is working again. It just needed a recharge.
- 451 repairs: AC Compressor was replaced.
- Working on getting the annual PMs done.
- Union conversation: Do you pick one trustee to represent in a meeting, or do you want all three to attend? Do we want to invite them to our next meeting night? How would you like me to handle setting up a meeting?
- Bank update with Debit card. There were 6 charges via apple pay on the debit card. We deactivated the card, disputed the charges, and received a new Debit card. Will update on the disputed charges when we hear back.
- The poly vent system in the bay has many air leaks. The compressor in the basement has been working very hard to keep up. We have a tech come out to look at the system and see what may be needed and quote the repairs.
- Platts computer crashed and was replaced
- We have two new members starting. One will be in high school as a Cadet. The other applicant is out of school. Has his EMT and will be a recruit. Just had a third application, he is FF and EMT. Waiting to hear what his intentions are. Volunteer or paid.
- Our insurance company has changed so that no driver with less than three years' driving history is allowed to operate any of our vehicles. This is new to us.
- 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.
- IDPH and Fire Marshall has requested that the FD and building official do an inspection with them at the hotel. Not sure about details on this as it is new news.
- Solar farm is going to be starting very soon at 34 and Sandy bluff.
- Met with the schools. The new superintendent is officially taken over. They thank SFD for all the events and etc that we have done with them and for them over this school year.
- Meeting with our Chaplain soon just as a catch up. We have not used or seen him in very long time. I want to see how we can get him more involved especially with a younger roster.
- 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.
- NIFRS is changing. Right now, it's all being done through KenCom with no charges. In the near future it will be up to individual departments to have their own program to keep up with the state. Working on quotes now to see where we are at.
- Classes: We have had many individuals going through classes recently. Fire college, Cornerstone, IFSI, and other organizations. These are all free classes that they are taking advantage of. Good information they can bring back and share with everyone. There are many individuals who signed up for more free classes over the next two months. This is good!
- Blaze in the city is July 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to stop by and show support. It's the associations biggest fund raiser.
- We have received another bundle of free smoke detectors from Red Cross. We will be advertising free detectors again. We have been steadily installing them but will be advertising them again.
- Rented equipment from Air gas. We still have bottles on the rigs that we rent. Looking to see how to make this change for the better.
- We received 12 gas cards for the Marathon. Permission to cut up all but two? Thoughts?