Sandwich Community Fire Protection District

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2026 *7:00 P.M.*

Present:
Trustee President – Jeff Beverage
Trustee Treasurer – Matt Weismiller
Administrative Assistant – Ashley Benitez
Chief – Derek Hagerty
Deputy Chief – Jayson Darby
Assistant Chief – Kyle Gruca
Lieutenant – Mike Platt

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Beverage opened the meeting at 7:03P.M, followed by the reciting of The Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum / Comments from the Public

-None

Review, Correct and Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Trustee Weismiller made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes; Trustee Beverage seconded the vote. All voted yes.

Treasurer's Report

Trustee Weismiller presented the treasurer's report and stated the cash on hand as of 4/30/26 was $2,695,928.30; and the cash on hand as of 5/14/26 is $2,611,516.99. Trustee Beverage made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Trustee Weismiller seconded the vote. All in favor.
Trustee Weismiller presented the bills to be paid are $161,156.98. Trustee Beverage made a motion to approve the bills; Trustee Weismiller seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Correspondence

-Thank you card from Bateman family for help on 4/19/26. E-mail thank you for helping with a fire on a windy day. Also for saving their home in December 2024 because of their quick response.

Attorney's Report

-None

Chief's Report

-Fighting with Frontier regarding our phones – they are hard to get ahold of and still charging sales tax that should not be. They have not yet refunded what they said they would for past sales tax paid. Trustee Beverage made a motion to sue Frontier for the tax they owe us; Trustee Weismiller seconded the motion. All in favor.

Executive Session
(Roll Call/Reason)
ILSC120/2©(1):

-None

Old Business

-Station 2 repairs

-The work has been started. Door has been installed and tiles replaced. More wood is needed that originally planned. Making progress. The inside of the building needs cleaned up as well.

-Vehicle surplus discussion

-Someone is coming to actually look at the truck the week of the 18th to get a valuation.

New Business

- Equipment Purchase request

-None

-Training requests

-Requested for Jeff Grey for certified inspector class at $1250, 1 week class in September. Lt. Platt requesting for advanced technician fire class. Two possible classes to get in on, one is $750 and the other is $1550. Currently on a waitlist for the $750 class in November. Discussion tabled for next meeting.

-New Personnel

-Assistant Chief Gruca is working with 6 recruits applying for volunteer positions. They have been coming to trainings.

-District Assets:

-Money Market - none

-CD's – none

-Investment Accounts – None

Adjournment

Trustee Beverage made a motion to close the meeting at 7:47PM. Trustee Weismiller seconded the motion. All in favor.