

**OZAUKEE CENTRAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

Board Vice President Jondahl called the Board meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Board Members Present: Barb Dickmann (*via Teams*), Barry Jondahl, Topher Adams, Jim Nowlen, Zachary Kranz, Andrew Schwartz, Steven Solymossy and Marcia Nosko (*arrived at 6:35 pm*)

Staff/Officials Present: Saukville Administrator Dawn Wagner, Fire Chief William Rice, Assistant Fire Chief Matthew Karpinski, Deputy Fire Chief Bobby Kaslick, OCFD Treasurer Dan Galginaitis and Fire Department Business Manager/Secretary Diana Degnitz

Others Present: Village of Grafton Police and Fire Commissioner Paul Moroder, OCFD Attorney Kyle Guyla of von Briesen & Roper (*via Teams*), Village of Grafton Trustee Lisa Harbeck, Village Trustee Kevin Curtis, Village Trustee Sarah Scarpace and members of the public

Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer led by President. President Dickmann led a special prayer for Chief Rice in recognition of his retirement, his 46 years of service and his commitment to the community and fire departments in both Grafton and Saukville. President Dickmann led the Board in thanking Chief Rice for his service with a standing ovation and round of applause.

Secretary Degnitz noted that the notice had been distributed to the village and town clerks.

Persons Requesting to be Heard – none

Business Presented by the Board President - none

Review and Adoption of Resolution OCFD 2026-001 – Establishing Temporary Succession Authority for the Office of Fire Chief

Attorney Guyla reviewed the resolution and provided background and explanation. Questions were asked and answered.

Village of Grafton Police and Fire Commissioner Paul Moroder provided additional background and explanation and shared his support of Attorney Guyla and the proposed resolution.

Motion by Solymossy, second by Schwartz to adopt Resolution OCFD 2026-001 presented as redlined 3.4.2026 by Attorney Guyla. Motion carried.

Review and Possible Action on a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Village of Grafton and the Ozaukee Central Fire Department related to Fire Department Duties Under § 62.13

Attorney Guyla reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding and stated that the document was a collaboration of Village of Grafton Attorney Michael Herbrand and him. Attorney Guyla summarized the document and noted that Section 3 had been edited by Village of Grafton Attorney Herbrand and had been approved by the Village of Grafton at their Board Meeting March 2, 2026. Secretary Degnitz added that the document distributed with the packet materials included the Section 3 edit with

the stricken verbiage removed. Secretary Degnitz added that she had received signed copies of the document distributed tonight from both the Village of Grafton and the Town of Saukville.

Administrator Wagner added that the Village of Saukville would be having a Special Village Board Meeting on Tuesday March 10, 2026 with this MOU on the agenda. Chief Rice indicated that he had spoken with Town of Grafton Chairperson Lester Bartelt requesting that a special meeting be held to review the MOU.

Motion by Solymossy, second by Nowlen to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Village of Grafton and the Ozaukee Central Fire Department related to Fire Department Duties Under § 62.13 as presented. Motion carried.

Name a Designated Signatory for OCFD Bank Accounts at PWSB After Retirement of the Current Fire Chief

Secretary Degnitz summarized that with Chief Rice's retirement, PWSB has requested that we name a replacement signer for Chief Rice on OCFD bank accounts.

Motion by Kranz, second by Nosko add Assistant Chief Karpinski as the second signer on OCFD Bank accounts, replacing Chief Rice. Motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Formation of an OCFD Subcommittee, Including the Establishment of Its Purpose and Scope (*Topics TBD – Suggested Action is to Table Item until Regular March OCFD Board Meeting*)

No action taken. President Dickmann directed OCFD Staff to include this item on the March 18, 2026 OCFD Board Meeting Agenda.

Adjourn

Motion by Solymossy, second by Jondahl to adjourn at 7:06 pm. Motion carried.