

### **February 11, 2026- Regular Meeting**

This meeting was called to order by chairman Tom Kearns. The meeting was posted in accordance with WI State Statutes. Roll call board members present with the exception of Dan Snyder.

Treasurer's report read. Motion to approve by Don Lenzendorf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Kearns, motion carried.

Motion to pay salaries by Don Lenzendorf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Kearns, motion carried.

Motion to pay claims by Don Lenzendorf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Kearns, motion carried.

Appearance of Citizens: Ron Hartley, Brian Reynolds, Shawn Lenzendorf, Kate Koziol, and Mark Buetow present representing the Seneca Fire Department. They are seeking input on re-exploring a new Fire Department building. Ron provided the town with a letter from Fire Chief Tyler Aspenson. Ron asked we start a file with documents regarding the proposal. Ron had a copy of pages from a book titled The History of The Town of Seneca. Current fire department building was built in 1956. The space was shared with the town. Ron shared some fire department history. 2008 a grant was received in the amount of \$700,000 for truck and turn out gear. The annual calls for the fire department average 60+ calls between fire and first responders. There are currently 26 volunteer fire members and 20 volunteer first responders. Some of the members of the fire department recently visited the Chili Fire Department who recently built a new fire building for project cost of \$1.8 million. Chili is similar size of the Town of Seneca. Ron talked to Gary Simmons, Simmons Construction from Holmen for a preliminary building cost and he proved proposed plan and estimated cost for the project would be 33% less than the Chili project. There was also discussion how it would benefit having local talent assist with this building. The fire department is exploring grant opportunities. The Fire department is requesting the town explore the option of the land at the top of Town Hall Road already owned by the town as a building site. Kate Koziol spoke about her knowledge in grant writing as she worked for SW Regional Planning Commission and would like to assist any way she can.

The town board is in agreement with the plan to explore options to pursue grant opportunities and possible site locations.

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm by Don Lenzendorf, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Kearns, motion carried.

**Julie Payne, Clerk**