

***LODI AREA FIRE DISTRICT
FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2024***

MEETING DATE, TIME & LOCATION: The LAFD Fire Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 5:01 p.m. at the Lodi Area Fire Department, located at 115 N. Main St. Lodi, WI 53555.

MEETING MINUTES

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER** Fire Commission President Nick Cable called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL** The roll was called and the following Fire Commission members were present: Cable, Strasser, Lendved, Kurt and Kessler. Davies was absent. Fire Chief Sievers was also present. A quorum of the Fire Commission was present. City of Lodi Mayor Groves Lloyd and Town of West Point Chair Ashley Nedeau-Owen were also present.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA / AGENDA REPAIR / CERTIFICATION OF POSTING** (Items cannot be added). Moved by Kurt; Seconded by Lendved to approve the agenda as distributed. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: March 20, 2024.** Moved by Lendved; Seconded by Strasser to approve the draft minutes of March 20, 2024 as distributed. Motion carried.
5. **CITIZEN INPUT ON NON-AGENDA TOPICS** There were no citizen appearances on any non-agenda topic.
6. **UPDATE ON NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING AND SITE NEGOTIATIONS**
 - a. Mayor Groves Lloyd reported that there was a meeting scheduled with the landowner on 5/9/24 and that the City was nearing a purchase agreement for the land. The Mayor reported that the City of Lodi has applied for a \$6 M grant through Senator Baldwin’s office for Congressional Discretion monies. She also reported that the potential site has been moved and is now the land under the present same ownership, but to the south of Hwy. “J”.
 - b. There was discussion about the need for re-zoning and annexation and whether a town “island” would be created. Mayor Groves Lloyd indicated that a meeting between the attorneys for the City of Lodi and the Town of Lodi should be scheduled.
 - c. There as discussion about the options of building ownership by multiple municipalities vs. the City owning the building and leasing space to the fire and EMS districts.
 - d. This was an informational item and no action was taken.
7. **INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – UPDATE** Kessler reported that the newest IGA draft was still awaiting final editing by the Town Attorney’s office, but the distribution was expected within days.
8. **ROOF REPAIR STATUS AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE** The roof is presently not leaking, but a further assessment should be made with a report to the Fire Commission in June.

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9. **RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING COMMISSION MEMBERS / ELECTION OF NEW COMMISSION OFFICERS**
Moved by Kessler; Seconded by Lendved to: “Recognize the contributions of departing commissioners Cable and Strasser, to thank them for their service and to wish them well.” The motion passed unanimously. Moved by Kessler; Seconded by Kurt to postpone action on election of officers since new Commission members hadn’t been announced and were not present. Motion carried. Departing commissioner Strasser will attend the next LAFD Commission meeting to present the Treasurer’s report and advise the new Treasurer on moving forward.
10. **FIRE CHIEF REPORT** Fire Chief Sievers presented his monthly report which had been distributed and is hereby incorporated into the minutes.
11. **TREASURER:**
 - a. **Approval for payment of bills** Moved by Lendved; Seconded by Kessler to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried.
 - b. **Financial reports** The monthly financial reports had been distributed electronically.
12. **OTHER QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS** None
13. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** Needs assessment update / building drawings; Commission resolution in support of a new building; Fire Dept. / EMS Communications; Other regular agenda items.
14. **ADJOURN** Moved by Kessler; Seconded by Kurt to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:31