

September 21, 2023

Cambridge Area Community Fire & EMS Commission

Town of Christiana

Minutes

Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Present, Sheila Palinkas, Dave Schroeder, Mark Cook, Kris Breunig (Alicia Hynes, absent)

Kristin Blackwood, audience member asked that we note that the meeting had not been posted in Lake Mills or Rockdale. It was later confirmed that the meeting had been posted in Rockdale.

3. Discussion of 2024 Budget – vote on whether to pass it on to the municipalities.
Discussion with questions and answers from audience and board members. Chief/Director Blount, Deputy Chief/Director Cairra and Fire Chief, Joe Evans answered questions.
Motion to approve budget by Kris Breunig, Seconded by Dave Schroeder
Roll Call: Sheila Palinkas Y, Dave Schroeder Y, Mark Cook Y, Kris Breunig Y
4. Review and consider for adoption Commission response to Village of Cambridge Letter. Motion to send to the municipalities by Dave Schroeder, Seconded by Kris Breunig
Roll Call: Sheila Palinkas Y, Dave Schroeder Y, Mark Cook Y, Kris Breunig Y
5. Treasurer Report- Financial Reports, Banking and Change in Bookkeeping firms.
S Palinkas reported that we are moving forward with process and will soon begin signing checks with President and Treasurer signatures. The bookkeeping company YPTC quit so the financial reports will be delay about three more weeks. In the meantime, she found a bookkeeper from Madison who is experienced with Quick Books and non-profits. Kris Breunig brought up that she should have insurance. The group agreed. Sheila was asked if she had insurance and stated that she thought she did but she would verify. Also discussion about sending out RFP's by December 1, 2023 to see if we can get locally competitive approvals. Motion to approve Ms. Jinko Naganuma as the interim Bookkeeper, Seconded by Dave Schroeder. Roll: Palinkas Y, Schroeder Y, Cook Y, Breunig Y
6. Consideration of moving to closed session for the following purposes:
 1. Pursuant to Wis Stat sec 19.85(1)E to discuss parameters of collective bargaining.
 2. Pursuant to Wis Stat sec 19.85 (1)© for a status from legal counsel on personnel issues.
Motion to move into closed session seconded by Kris Breunig. Role: Palinkas Y, Schroeder Y, Cook Y, Breunig Y
7. Motion to return to open session, seconded by Kris Bruenig, all in favor.
8. Motion to adjourn DS, Seconded by KB, all in favor

Guests who signed in: Herman Holzapfel (CVFD), Virginia Newcomb (Oakland), Rick & Connie Kottwitz (Oakland), Terry Johnson (CVFD), Jana Evans (Oakland), Tom Frederick (CVFD), Joel Ibeling (Cambridge), Elizabeth Wadas (NBC15 Madison). Also Present: Joe Evans (CVFD Fire Chief), Paul Blount (EMS Chief/Director, Jason Caira (EMS Deputy Chief/Director).

Approved 10.18.3