

## **Waterloo Fire & Rescue Meeting Minutes** **January 26th, 2026 @ 1900**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Roll Call: The sign in sheet was passed around.

The minutes from the last meeting were read by Kaitlin. Motion to approve as read by Wes, 2nd by Marty. Motion approved.

Public Comments/Items not on the agenda:

- a. F&M Bank catered dinner and expressed gratitude to our members. Thank you to F&M Bank for providing dinner. Their support is greatly appreciated.
- b. Supporters Update - please turn in your gun raffle ticket money and unsold tickets by Feb. 11th. Please take a look at the sign up for bowling tournament shifts to see where you can help out. Posters are in the meeting room for the raffle and tournament, please distribute.

### Old Business:

1. EMS Scheduling - looking really good, appreciation expressed for our members for filling the schedule.
2. Training log - please turn in written excuses for missed training. If you're going to miss a training please contact Chris, Aiden, or Jason so that make up training can be arranged.
3. Ambulance Update - Completed one of the final inspections in SC. It will need minor repairs completed and then go to MO for the cot loader to be installed. Then it will come to WI for another final inspection, decal work, get stocked with supplies, and DOT/State inspections. The goal is to have it in service around April 2026.
4. Policy - no update.
5. MABAS Cards
  - a. April 2026 start date instead of Jan. 1st, this follows the rest of the state.
6. Website and Facebook
  - a. The website has been discontinued. Facebook is still there and managed by our PIO. We have not heard back from the city about adding a tab/link to our Facebook page on their website.
7. Any other old business? None.

### New Business:

1. Critique past calls if needed
  - a. Gas leak at 1109 E Madison discussed.
  - b. CO alarm at 810 Lum - faulty CO alarm.
  - c. Gas leak at 115 Boreman

- d. Gas leak on Portland Rd identified as gas odor coming from Sussex Machine Corp.
  - e. Gas odor at 326 Portland Rd discussed, initially called in by PD.
  - f. 901 W Madison - Breiss Industries, Keenan discussed. A dryer was overpressurized and blew a hatch open causing sparks, crews utilized a water can used for extinguishment. They do have internal sprinklers in their dryer.
  - g. 205 Francis Ln - stellar response, crews praised by Chad. Initial fire attack and search both initiated within 90 seconds of arriving on scene.
  - h. 819 Lum Ave - waterline break and flooded apartment. Shut off water. Thank you to our crew for being willing to go above and beyond to help the residents by removing water. The landlord ended up taking care of it.
  - i. Gas leak today on Portland Rd - no gas detected. Mutual aid received from Marshall. A work jacket full of diesel fuel was found to be generating the gas odor.
  - j. Wes raised awareness for a patient in the community with a deep brain stimulator and precautions to take for treatment.
2. Updates
    - a. Bylaws - job descriptions and suggested revisions.
  3. Reminder for those who want to be voted on for officers - n/a
  4. Website and Facebook - n/a
  5. POV responses to calls
    - a. Please remember that we have to abide by all traffic laws, respond responsibly.
  6. Euchre Tournament
    - a. Will be held in Marshall on Monday, February 23rd at 6pm. Sign up on the board.
    - b. Meeting night will then be moved to Tuesday, February 24th.
  7. Training Next Month:
    - EMS - Quarterly with Aurora. Stroke and IO with CJ and AI.
    - Fire - Ice rescue or training at the house
    - MPO - Pumping scenarios
  8. Upcoming trainings will be posted on the board, please see list.
    - a. WEMSA
    - b. Watertown HOT
    - c. WSFFA in Green Bay 12th, 13th, 14th of March - contact Vern if you'd like to go after getting approval from Chad
    - d. WI Society of emergency instructors conference in Feb. Burn instructor and Ice Rescue Technician courses available. This is held at Fox Valley Tech College.

- e. Dodge Co Firefighters Association TIC class at Iron Ridge FD, Kevin will send out the flyer once available.
  - f. Electric vehicle safety for first responders class on April 14th, 6pm-10pm at Jefferson FD.
9. Bylaws Voting - proposed changes reviewed by the membership.
- a. Changes accepted by the membership for Article One Section 1C, Article Two Section 4, Article Four Section 1, Article Four Section 3, Article Six Section 2, Article Six Section 4, Article Seven Section 1, Article Seven Section 5 and 5A, Article Eight Section 1. Member orientation to be taken out of the bylaws and moved to policies. Motion to accept suggested changes by Eric, 2nd by Wes. Motion passed.
10. Election of Officers
- a. A ballot committee was formed consisting of probationary members.
  - b. Assistant Chief - Garry and Craig nominated. Motion to close nominations accepted. Majority of votes in favor of Garry Whitebird.
  - c. 1st Captain - Keenan nominated. Craig nominated, respectfully declined. Colton nominated, respectfully declined. Motion to close nominations accepted. Majority of votes in favor of Keenan Hering.
  - d. 2nd Captain - Colton nominated. Craig nominated, respectfully declined. Motion to close nominations accepted. Majority of votes in favor of Colton Butzine.
  - e. 3rd Lt - Kevin nominated, respectfully declined. Ben Weber nominated, accepted. Dan Wilson nominated, accepted. Majority of votes in favor of Ben Weber.
  - f. PIO - Kevin nominated, accepted. Tirri nominated, respectfully declined. Motion to close nominations accepted. Majority of votes in favor of Kevin Seibert.
  - g. Secretary - Kaitlin nominated, accepted. Jeremy nominated, respectfully declined. Cassie nominated, accepted. Motion to close nominations accepted. Majority of votes in favor of Kaitlin Butzine.
  - h. Motion to destroy ballots by Wes, 2nd by Craig. Motion passed.

Congratulations to Assistant Chief Garry, 1st Captain Keenan, 2nd Captain Colton, 3rd Lt Ben, PIO Kevin, and Secretary Kaitlin.

11. New members, probationary members, transfers - none.

12. Any other new business?

- a. Chris shared a letter with the membership regarding her role as our training coordinator and her goals.

Truck starters for next month:

EMS: Ron and Cody

Fire: Kevin, Jeremy, Aaron

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Wes, 2nd by Eric. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

Submitted by Kaitlin Butzine, Secretary