**WALDEN FIRE DISTRICT**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 23, 2025**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Walden Fire District was called to order by Chairman Werner at 6:00pm. Rescheduled from April 14, 2025.

The pledge to the flag was led by Chairman Werner. A moment of silence for fallen brother Larry Lawless Jr.

Roll Call: Chairman Roy Werner

Commissioner Sam Phelps

Kevin McColl

Treasurer Diane Holbert

Asst. Chief George Brown

Asst. Chief Brad Davis

Asst. Chief Jason Faso

Secretary Denise McNeely- absent

Commissioner Dave Kurtz-absent

Commissioner Scott Hickey- absent

S.H. Clerk Susan Morrison-absent

Chief Chic McNeely-absent

**Minutes of March –** Chairman Werner made a motion to accept the minutes 2nd by Commissioner Phelps, carried.

**Financial report –**Chairman Werner made a motion to accept 2nd by Commissioner McColl, carried. Statements verified by Commissioner Phelps.

**Disbursements –** Chairman Werner motioned to pay all bills, if found correct, 2nd by Commissioner Phelps, carried.

**Correspondence**- Chairman Werner made a motion to hold correspondence over to New Business 2nd by Commissioner McColl, carried

Received:

WFD (bylaw change)

Simply Clean

**Chief’s report:**

FOR THE MONTH OF: March DATE: April 4, 2025

COMPLETED BY: Chief Charles McNeely

1. **Number and Type of Alarms** 32 calls for the month of March

*See Attached Report*

1. **Personnel**

Josh Jimenez -submitted his resignation moved out of the area

1. **Training**

April 26th - New Baltimore Fire Police Seminar: Chuck Salyer, Sue Smith, John Wittschack, Mike Vermilling, Vickie Hennings

*See Attached Report*

1. **Maintenance**

April 9th - Extinguisher testing

April 22nd - Hose Testing

Tough books have been mounted in the chiefs’ cars

1. **Requests for Apparatus Leaving District**

April 8th - Engine /Truck to Montgomery Food Bank (416) walk through

Pickup to New Baltimore (fire police seminar)

1. **Upcoming goals**

***30 Day goals –***

***90 Day goals***

1. **Purchase Requests**
2. **Other**

Battalion Dues

Property line at RR tracks (possible fence)

Chairman Werner made a motion to approve the following members to attend the New Baltimore Fire Police Seminar: Chuck Salyer, Sue Smith, John Wittschack, Mike Vermilling, Vickie Hennings 2nd by Commissioner McColl, carried.

Chairman Werner made a motion that the following hose that did not past the hose test can be disposed of 2nd by Commissioner Phelps, carried. 1 ¾” - 116, 1040 2 ½” -2501, 2540, 2544 3” 3038, 3036- 5” 5058, 5089, 5129

**Social Hall report**:

Chairman Werner states that he spoke with Susan regarding having the firehouse & hall floors striped and waxed $5400. Simply Clean and Nadoka $9,815.95 Chairman Werner made a motion to have Simply Clean do the floors for $5400.00, we will have to move furniture 2nd by Commissioner McColl, carried.

**Old Business:**

1. **Legal Issues-** Cornwall Suite is complete and we are out of it.
2. **Radios-** Assist Chief Davis& Brownreported, Chairman Werner suggested getting a radio to demo
3. **Engines for Sale-** Chairman Werner states there is an offer on 238 for $125,000.00 Chairman Werner made a motion to sell 238 for $125,000.00 that we listed it for, if that falls through, we should sell it for $100,000.00 of our 2nd offer 2nd by Commissioner Phelps, carried.

Chairman Werner states we have an offer on 236 for $34,000.00, its listed for $54,000.00, we will counteroffer for $44,000.00, and Commissioner Kurtz if needs negotiate, the lowest we will except is $38,000.00. 2nd by Commissioner McColl, carried.

1. **Explorers-** Chairman Werner states that is all rectified becausewe charter through the Boy Scouts of America, they are already vetting the instructors, and they are giving them a video to watch during the annual training.
2. **Bid Pavement-** The lawyer is working on this
3. **Misc.-**

**Chairman Werner**- states the lawyer will be at the next meeting. The Voicemails have all been updated. The Squads- the radios issue have been resolved. The mirrors he states that he spoke with Daryl and that the warranty stands from the mirror back, just not the mirror forward.

**Commissioner Phelps**- for the building maintenance repair he wasn’t able to get quotes from the companies, Chairman Werner states that they just need to be listed on the Pre-req. Chairman Werner made a motion to allow Maxx Home Improvement to finalize the list that we spoke about last month, Commissioner Phelps & McColl both reached out to other vendors that were unable to give quotes or did not wish to give quotes so we proceed with the quote we do have to complete the repairs, 2nd by Commissioner Phelps, carried.

**Commissioner McColl-** waiting on prices and artwork for the outside signs.

**New Business:**

**Correspondence:**

**Simply Clean:** Requesting a cleaning fee increase of an additional $300.00 per month. He is also requesting to receive an additional amount from the deposit if the renter’s deposit is kept for leaving the hall extremely dirty because this is extra time spent cleaning. Chairman Werner made a motion to approve the $300.00 raise per month and if we keep the deposit for the cleanliness of the hall, he receives half the amount 2nd by Commissioner McColl, carried.

Chairman Werner states that from the text he motions to approve the Karate place to use the hall for $500.00 a month pending no conflicts, 2 nights a week for 2-3 months. 2nd by Commissioner Phelps, carried.

**Walden Fire Dept.-** Bylaw submitted, tabled sent back to the dept for a rewrite due to language.

**Resolutions-** none

**New Members-** none

**Miscellaneous-**

**Chairman Werner** states that he has a quote from the landscaper for $2250.00 to cut the overgrowth along the parking and reseed. Chairman Werner made a motion to have All County Landscape to handle 2nd Commissioner McColl, carried. Chairman Werner states that Susan will have to check the area afterwards for trash or we will have to start keeping more deposits.

**Commissioner Phelps** states the department should receive the deposit from the renter if the department has to response to the social hall for an automatic alarm due to a smoke machine being used, Chairman Werner states that we cannot donate money tax payer money to an organization, Chairman Werner made a motion that if the current social hall contract doesn’t specify smoke machine that we added it in there, and the smoke machine is used against the contract and it sets off the alarm, the full deposit is withheld 2nd by Commissioner Phelps, carried.

Discussion regarding steps on the rigs.

Commissioner Phelps and Assist. Chief Brown states that CYA will be submitting a proposal to handle the fire extinguisher service.

**Commissioner McColl** would like Susan to do thorough policing of the area, back and around the corner.

**Purchase Requisitions**: Chairman Werner made a motion to accept those submitted have been signed by 3 commissioners are approved for purchase 2nd by Commissioner McColl, carried.

**Public Comment-** none

**Executive Session**-none

Chairman Werner made a motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm 2nd by Commissioner McColl, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McNeely, Secretary

Walden Fire District