

# Red Wing Fire Department Relief Association

-- Incorporated February 16, 1892 --

◆ 420 Plum St. ◆ Red Wing ◆ Minnesota ◆ 55066 ◆ 651/388-7141 ◆

## Meeting of the Red Wing Fire Department Relief Association

February 15<sup>th</sup> 2024

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### MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order – Called to order by President Kinney at 1727
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by President Kinney at 1727
3. Roll Call – A quorum was present:
  - a. Board Members Present: President Kinney, Secretary D. Knott, Vice-President Mason, Chief Warner, Mayor Wilson, & Trustee Zenner.
  - b. Active Members Present: Doane, Langer, Melson, Morales, Rodgers, Stock, Whipple, S. Will, & Z. Will.
  - c. Deferred Members Present: Ballman.
4. Approve Agenda – President Kinney moved to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of a New Business item regarding deferred member interest. This was seconded by Vice-President Mason. The motion passed at 1730.
5. Approval of the Minutes of December 6, 2023, Board Meeting – Mason moved and Doane seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed at 1731.
6. General Business:
  - a. Reading of Reports:
    - i. Officers:
      1. President – Kinney reported on his goals of building a better historical record of the Association and integrating more retired members in Association activities.
      2. Vice-President – Mason noted nothing significant to report.
      3. Secretary – Knott reported working with Chief Warner to implement compliance with Open Meeting Law and updated records filing project.
    - ii. Committees – Nothing significant to report.
  - b. Fire Department Update – Chief Warner reported on 2024 plans for the Department including mobile data terminals, new Safe & Sick Time rules, a slight decrease in overall calls in 2023, Paid-on-Call recruitment, and a Paid-on-Call Engineer promotional testing cycle.

7. Elections:

a. Election of Trustees:

- i. Hose Company 4 (incumbent Kinney): Kinney nominated himself, seconded by D. Knott at 1735. There being no other nominees, Kinney was elected unanimously at 1736.
- ii. Hook & Ladder Company (incumbent Redman): Whipple nominated and Langer seconded Kann at 1738; and Melson nominated and Zenner seconded Redman at 1739. Mason moved and Doane seconded to close nominations and vote, which passed at 1740. The vote was 6 for Redman and 5 for Kann at 1741.
- iii. At-Large (incumbent Zenner): Melson nominated and Doane seconded Zenner at 1742. There being no other nominees, Zenner was elected unanimously at 1744.

b. Election of Officers:

- i. Vice-President (incumbent Mason): Mason expressed interest in stepping down from the position. Doane nominated and Melson seconded Zenner at 1745. There being no other nominees, Zenner was elected unanimously at 1746.
- ii. Treasurer (incumbent Nelson): Kinney noted that Nelson had expressed interest in stepping down, but that if no one expressed interest in the position he could continue. Kinney nominated and Melson seconded Nelson at 1747. There being no other nominees, Nelson was elected unanimously at 1747.

8. New Business:

a. Update on Open Meeting Laws & Lazerfiche Transition:

- i. Chief Warner, Kinney, and Knott noted some changes for Board and Association meetings to comply with Open Meeting Law requirements, as well as a transition to the City's Lazerfiche record-keeping system, that members will begin to notice in 2024. No action required.
- ii. Chief Warner and Kinney confirmed that Mayor Wilson had been re-appointed by the City Council as one of the two statutory Board members appointed by the City. We are still waiting to find out who the second City-appointed Board member will be. No action required.

b. Kinney noted the new jackets were ready for active members to pick up, and that jackets were available at the meeting for deferred and retired members to try on for size and provide their name preferences for embroidery.

c. Kinney updated the members on deferred member interest changes since the 2016 Bylaws were adopted removing interest, and the 2023 Bylaw

revisions which reinstated interest. He also noted that the Board was researching the possibility of moving to a PERA-administered system, particularly as the State is currently offering incentives to relief associations that do so. No action required.

9. Adjournment: Melson moved and Doane seconded to adjourn. This passed at 1809.

**Next Meetings:**

- Summer Feed – June 19, 2024, at Colvill Pavilion
- Board/Budget Meeting – December 4, 2024, at Station 2