

Sheridan Fire District
Board Meeting
10/14/2025

Attendance: Cory Chrisman, Gary Giddings, Tammy Heidt, Pete Gutbrod, Ray Bottenberg

Others Present: Chief Phillip Riggs, Marguerite Alexander, Capt. Jay Payne, Jason Neumann, Thomas Sadej, Online: Austin's iPhone, James Wilson, Robert Hatch

Tammy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Approval of the minutes

Ray moved to approve the minutes from the Sept. 9, 2025 meeting. Cory seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial reports

Gary made a motion to approve the financials for September. Ray seconded the motion the motion. The motion carried.

Gary confirmed that he reviewed the bank statements and reconciliations for July, August and September of 2025.

Old Business:

1. Update on bank accounts.

We have completed all of the necessary paperwork and Les Thomas has been removed from the accounts.

2. Misc. line-item question. The Misc. line item is the loan from the Union. We will get it moved to the loan category where it belongs.

3. Updates on grants:

- We received three grants: ODF, AFG for monitors and a SAFER grant from staffing.
- We have an estimate for new heart monitors. We should be able to Sell the Zoll's we have for our match.
- The Safer Grant is for 3 people. If accepted, we must pay a portion of the salaries plus holidays, overtime and FSLA. That would mean our portion would run \$70 K- \$90 K, which is money we don't have. Chief Riggs has been advised by others not to accept it. The Board asked if we could accept a partial—perhaps one person. Chief said he can't find out due to the federal government shutdown. We can't do anything until the website is back up and running. The deadline for acceptance is late this month.
- Surplus sales:
 1. Dayton is interested in the command vehicle (C-9) but is waiting on an answer from their fire board. Our Board is fine waiting.

2. Bids on Gov Deals for the extrication tools was well below our minimum. We donated them, along with some expired turnouts to Mexico, via Woodburn Fire who coordinates that donation event.

New Business:

- We have three new volunteers starting the fire academy on Saturday. One has wildland fire training.
- Do to the reduction in staffing we will have to do an amended budget after the first of the year. We will have to reconvene the Budget Committee. This is required anytime there is more than a 10% change.
- FireMed report. We have had more issues with applications and people getting the wrong ones. Tammy said she has answered questions via social media.
- Union Report: The Union has a PAC with approximately \$2500. They would like to use it to help educate the public on the need for additional funding. Our current levy will expire in May of 2027. Captain Payne reported that they will get help from other locals and from the national organization. He recommended a work session with the Board so we have a unified message. He feels we have a lot of support in the community.
- Questions regarding a serial levy: Should we take the “one and it’s done” approach or push back the date for multiple attempts if necessary? Gary said we need to figure out the cost of the ambulance service. Pete recommended asking the public what they want. \$0.88 per thousand won’t cover the cost of an ambulance. Jay said it cost \$2.60 per thousand to run an ambulance.

Safety report:

1. One of our ambulance may have killed a deer. (Grill and front bumper damaged.) We are looking at aftermarket replacement parts.
2. There was no damage to engine that got stuck at at Mogfest. It was simply pulled out by a winch when it got stuck.

Other:

We experienced technical difficulties at the Sept. 9 Board meeting, The minutes from that meeting will be posted online.

Gary moved to adjourn the meeting. Pete seconded the motion The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marguerite Alexander
Administrative Assistant