

Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department

Monthly meeting minutes – January 5th, 2025

Attendees:

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| Justin Nacius | Patty Perras |
| Jaden Streu | Joe Hurst |
| Jeremy Streu | Jeff Hensley |
| David Raab | Calvin Kesweder |
| Daniel Brown | Beata Steap |

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Justin N. at 6:06pm.
- 2) Pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.
- 3) New members/applicants – New applicants included Calvin Kesweder (present). Calvin is from the Sheboygan Falls area and serves on the Fire Dept in that community. He has extensive experience and is a great addition to the department!
- 4) Secretary Report: Joe Hurst reviewed the meeting minutes from December meeting.
 - Correction required to the spelling of last name of Matt and Denise “Mezydlo”, and proper spelling of “Patty” Perras also noted.
 - Chief Nacius made a motion to approve the Secretary Report; motion 2nd by Asst Chief Streu. Passed with agreement by membership present.
- 5) Treasurers Report: Status update to have an account opened for the Fire Dept checking for quick access funds for Department access. Other updates on the 50/50 DNR Wildland grant were provided with the expected expense summarized by Tipler Chief Hensley. Chief Hensley mentioned that he would not request any reimbursement payment for the items covered under the grant award until all the items were received complete. At that time the Town will cut an expense check to cover the Long Lake portion of the 50/50 uncovered balance.
- 6) Training: Training will be targeted to take place the 3rd Thursday of each month going forward.
 - Blood borne pathogens training will be conducted on Jan 16th beginning at 5:00PM. This will be a video review.

- Ice Rescue Training tentatively scheduled for Jan 11th – confirmation of date and time will be provided by Chief Nacius as this is being coordinated with Newald Fire Dept and other surrounding Depts that are able to make the date/time.
- TIMs Training will be scheduled for Feb 20th at 6:00PM. Chief Nacius provided a handout for early registration and record of the TIMs Training and requested everyone to go online to fill it out. This will also be a video training with some testing to follow.
- Driver Training is being coordinated with Paul Behrens of Nicolet College. This is planned to take place in January – currently scheduled to take place as a 2 day course. Day 1 will be Friday, Jan 24th classroom, and Day 2 will be Sunday, Jan 26th course test.

7) Old Business:

- Training certificates for Daniel Brown and Matt Medyzlo still being requested from Nicolet College. Similar situation for Patty Perras in retrieving training cert records. These records are being gathered for new personnel files held at the Dept.

8) New Business:

- 50/50 Grant Wildland gear has arrived and has been size tested for the members to receive the gear. Everything fits as expected.
- Most of entry level turnout gear has arrived with a few outstanding items (boots, helmets, and badges) yet outstanding. These items are expected to be received in full by March. The received items will be fitted by individual members following this meeting.
- Work detail will be called to do a push for cleaning and getting the old “green” engine out of the fire bay. This work detail will be on Wednesday, Jan 29th beginning at 5:00PM.

9) Committee Reports:

- Health and Safety Committee is being created – led by Patty Perras as the newly appointed Health and Safety Officer for the Department. Reporting to Patty as the new Health and Safety Committee members are David Raab and Daniel Brown. H&S Committee meeting will be scheduled and announced at the February FD Meeting.

10) Call Review:

- Car accident call on Hwy 139 between Newald and Popple River. Two cars collided (side swiped), but luckily no injuries to report – alcohol involved with one of the drivers. Response by Tipler/Long Lake, Florence County EMS, and Forest County Sheriff's Dept.

11) Friends of LLVFD Report:

- No representatives present.

- The FD/Town of Long Lake received funds of over \$12,000 from Friends of Long Lake FD to be applied to new turn-out gear purchase. This is very much appreciated by the Department and will allow the Department to be prepared for State Cert.

12) Purchase Requests:

- Helmet clips have been selected to be ordered for headlamps.
- Ice Rescue Helmets were brought forward for consideration for purchase. Chief Nacius has suggested 4 helmets be ordered for the Dept. They will be used not only for ice rescue, but could be better for vehicle accident response/recovery.

13) Truck and Equipment Maintenance:

- David R. attached the new fire extinguisher to Engine 701. This was needed as the previous extinguisher (and custom mount) was taken out of service.

14) Open Comments:

- Daniel Brown will begin other training courses in the next few weeks and is unsure of the dates when these courses will take place. It may conflict with the current schedule for the FD meetings. Daniel will provide Chief Nacius updates once these class schedules are firmed.
- Calvin K. mentioned that it would be helpful to mark where long hose lays would be required to address fires at residences in the area. These would be additional markers on the Fire Signs at the entrance of people's residences so proper planning and hose lays can be planned proactively should fire suppression and rescue be required.
 - o **ACTION:** This will be taken on by the Department as a positive preparation.

15) Meeting Adjournment:

- Meeting motioned to be adjourned by Chief Nacius; motion 2nd by Daniel Brown. Agreement by all other members in attendance. Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.
- Next meeting date and time assigned as February 3rd, 2025 at 6:00PM.