

# Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department

## Monthly meeting minutes – February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **Roll Call:**

Justin Nacius	Patty Perras
Jaden Streu	Joe Hurst
Kathie Raab	Charlie Noack
David Raab	Scott Lamers
Daniel Brown	

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Justin N. at 6:05pm.
- 2) Pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.
- 3) New members/applicants – New applicants up for vote this month include Charlie Noack (FF) and Kathie Raab (FD support) (in person) as well as Gary White (not available) as Dept Chaplin. Vote was taken and all applicants were voting in unanimously. Welcome to the Department Kathie, Charlie, and Gary!
- 4) Secretary Report: Joe Hurst reviewed the meeting minutes from January meeting.
  - Chief Nacius made a motion to approve the Secretary Report; motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Asst Chief Streu. Passed with agreement by membership present.
  - Additional mention was made of concerns of Fay Lake Association access to structures/residences using fire equipment given road construction and width. The Dept will make a request to be a part of their next Association meeting. **ACTION:** Joe will request to be added to the agenda of their next meeting to have a discussion with Association leaders.
- 5) Treasurers Report: Ledger review was presented. Chief Nacius reviewed the recent transactions.
  - a. Account at CoVantage CU was opened on 1/22/25 with a balance of \$1,554.00. Additional transactions have occurred upon opening and these will be presented at future meetings. This formal capture of transactions will be available through monthly statements and presented for record in future months now that account has been

opened. **ACTION:** Officers of Dept will consider the appointment of a Treasurer for the Dept in future meeting before June.

6) Old Business:

- a. Training Certs Outstanding – asking each individual with outstanding certs not yet made available to request those transcripts from the organizations that provided the certifications.
- b. 50/50 Wildland Grant – awaiting helmets, gloves and respirators from Tomahawk Fire – these are expected by March.
- c. Full Turnout Gear – all gear has been received in full and has also been paid in full by the Town and Friends contributions.
  - i. Distribution of additional gear can take place to other members.
  - ii. Chief Nacius would like to investigate the purchase of additional gear lockers or other method for appropriate storage of gear for additional FFs.
  - iii. Additional emergency scene vests should also be reviewed and are supposed to be 5 pc breakaway design. **ACTION:** Next meeting should be used to distribute more available gear to members.
  - iv. Justin would like to order additional helmets for members. Inventory of available helmets will be taken and count for additional helmets will be brought forward for purchase.

7) New Business:

- a. State Inspection Status – the Department passed the State Inspection! Congrats to all that assisted in the effort!
- b. The Department will celebrate and promote the re-opening of the Dept in local papers and publications. There will also be planning for a Grand Re-Opening celebrated at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic this year...more plans to come in upcoming months. **ACTION:** Joe will coordinate the publication efforts with local papers. Further publicity will be discussed amongst the Dept members.
- c. Driver Training will be scheduled for Scott L., Cliff R., and Ted M. when it is again offered later this year.
- d. County eDispatch will be made aware of the LLFD re-instatement to be included on dispatch test pages and future notifications.
- e. Ditch kits – Patty, Justin and Daniel have ditch kits to take to scenes. Improved first aid supplied are needed (many are aged and unsatisfactory). Desired plan is to have 1 kit for each truck. **ACTION:** Daniel will provide a list to consider as a standard ditch kit.
- f. Insurance for Fire Dept Members – The consideration of insurance coverage for Fire Dept members was brought up to revisit the County coverage used by many of the local fire departments instead of the private insurance provided currently through the Town by

Horton Insurance. **ACTION:** Joe will perform a comparison between Horton and Florence County Insurance options for the Fire Dept.

8) Planned Training:

- a. TIMs training scheduled for Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM at Fire Station.
- b. Hazmat training and certification – looking for Dept members with interest in becoming Hazmat certified through the County. Will look for formal response of interest and candidates to go through certification training at next meeting.

9) Review of Calls:

- a. No call to review this past month.

10) Truck and Equipment Maintenance:

- a. DOT Inspections of vehicles – **ACTION:** Jaden is coordinating to set up inspection and have maintenance performed at the same time on each of the fire vehicles.
- b. Renumbering of Trucks – It has been recommended by Justin that trucks 703 to 706 will be renumbered. Truck numbers will be applied to all the vehicles. New numbering will be: 701 and 702 will stay the same; 703 – no assignment; 704 brush truck; 705 white pickup; 706 UTV.
- c. Maintenance of vehicles – 701 has issues with headlights and will need to be replaced. 702 needs a new rear light assembly. An available dump tank has also been suggested to be placed on top of 702. Brush truck repair of a new wiring harness was completed by Jaden. The Brush truck repairs to address the engine issues needs to be completed. Jaden proposed an additional \$1k max to be allocated to address the issue. If this investment does not resolve the issue, formal disposition of the truck will need to be taken.
- d. Grant availability and support is needed. **ACTION:** Scott L. will reach out to Charlie Ross (Halsey Lake resident) who may have contacts and experience in supporting such grant programs to see if Charlie can assist with grant requests for the Dept.

11) Committee Reports:

- a. Health and Safety Committee – Patty P. is the H&S Officer for the Dept. David Raab and Daniel Brown have accepted the role of formal committee members.
- b. **ACTION:** Patty will reach out to David and Daniel to set up the next formal H&S Committee Meeting – this will likely take place yet in February.
- c. Patty has suggested that each FD member review SPS 330.03 and 330.05 before the first H&S Meeting. These documents have also been requested by Patty to be incorporated into the SOPs and SOGs of the Dept. **ACTION:** This will be reviewed by Chief Nacius for likely incorporation into the Dept SOPs and SOGs.

- d. Patty would like to establish a baseline reference of vitals to be held on file in order to determine gross variance from the baseline for individual FFs during times of high impact efforts. The method by which this can be done effectively to maintain HIPPA privacy and yet be readily available when needed will be further determined. **ACTION:** Patty will take into consideration how this could be done and if it is feasible.
- e. A suggestion of Chainsaw Equipment Training should be added to the Training list.  
**ACTION:** Jaden will coordinate with Patty to schedule this training as it is very involved with Safety of the chainsaw operators, as well as to ensure the proper safety equipment is available.

12) Friends of LLVFD Report: - No representatives present and no current report.

13) Purchase Requests:

- a. Batteries for radios have arrived. Invoice has been submitted for payment.
- b. Driver training expense will be invoiced to the FD – Justin and Joe will coordinate the payment for the training to Nicolet Tech.

14) Fundraising:

- a. Fishing Derby – lessons learned reviewed
  - i. Food sales will be in a more central location with consideration with delivery of food across the lake.
  - ii. Boot donation with additional hot chocolate offerings was a large contribution draw...need to continue in future years.
- b. Memorial Day Weekend Gun Raffle –
  - i. Final ticket distribution to local establishments needed to take place. Scott and Patty have offered to distribute tickets to Sach's, Senolins, and the Whitetail. Other suggestions made were Blue Roof in Armstrong Creek and Hiles Motel/Cabins. **ACTION:** Confirm who will distribute to Blue Roof and Hiles. All funds received for the raffle will be held in the new CoVantage Savings Account for traceability. Jaden is having posters printed for the raffle and these will also be distributed to the organizations upon completion.

15) Open Comments:

- a. Accountability Tags - Daniel B. mentioned the requirement of Accountability Tags – they have arrived in house and are available to be used for all training and actual calls going forward. **ACTION:** Distribution of the tags should be done during the next meeting.
- b. Roadside Emergency Signs - David R. noted the pink "Emergency Scene" roadside signs are in the Tender 702 truck. These signs would be better assigned to other trucks that

would respond to road accidents/calls. **ACTION:** Re-assignment of these signs should be made to more appropriate responding vehicles.

- c. Ice Rescue – Dept members noted that they would like to take part in the Armstrong Creek/Goodman planned ice rescue training in March. Need to reach out to those Depts to understand when this is scheduled to take place. Patty has requested a dry suit be ordered that will better fit her. **ACTION:** Justin will investigate the purchase of a dry suit appropriate to someone of Patty's stature.

16) Next Meeting Schedule and Meeting Adjournment: Next meeting is scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:00PM. Current meeting was motioned to be adjourned by Chief Nacius; motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie N. – meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.