

# Long Lake Volunteer Fire Department

## Monthly meeting minutes – May 1st, 2025

Roll Call: reference sign-in sheet

- 1) Meeting was called to order by Chief Justin N. at 6:00pm.
- 2) Pledge of allegiance was recited by those in attendance.
- 3) New members/applicants – Kathy Kathy has expressed interest in joining the Department as part of the pending Auxiliary organization. She has been supporting the picnic/parade planning to date. Her formal membership will be assigned as part of the Aux when it is finalized.
- 4) Secretary Report: Joe Hurst made mention of the Action Item list and asked members to provide their updates or completion of assigned actions and turn them into Joe to monitor current status. April Meeting Minutes were made available to the members present. After review, Jaden S. made a motion to approve the Secretary Report; motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Lamers. Passed with agreement by membership present.
- 5) Treasurers Report: Chief Nacius provided a review of the current bank statement and financial status.
- 6) Committee's Reports:
  - a. Health and Safety – Updated SOGs for chainsaw operation had been compiled by officers and H&S committee team. The draft copy of the SOG reviewed with the members by Justin. **ACTION:** Justin will capture the formalized update for Chainsaw Operation into the SOG document. The initial dispatch protocol was reviewed as an update that will be reflected in the SOGs. It will require that the first engine out will continue to scene for FD assessment of the scene regardless of a call status including a cancellation of the call by Dispatch. **ACTION:** Justin will capture the formalized update for Dispatch Response continuing to the scene into the SOG document.
  - b. Memorial Weekend Fundraiser – About ½ of the 600 tickets have been sold – request the department members to continue to push the sales of tix. The food order has been compiled and will be placed with Performance Food Service to ensure food is available by Memorial weekend. A banner announcing the event will need to be placed very soon. **ACTION:** Jaden will place order with the banner vendor.
  - c. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and Parade –

- i. Generator was brought up for raffle on a 100 square board. Another 100 square board was mentioned that could be used to raffle a fishing kayak. The membership thought these would be good prizes and supported the two items to be purchased in time for the picnic/parade.
  - ii. **ACTION:** Jaden will coordinate the banner and poster design and printing using the same vendor that created the Gun raffle posters. It is proposed that the banner be made ASAP in order to begin advertising the event. It was decided that posters will be purchased by the Dept vs being given by local beer vendors to put more focus on the event and FD instead of beer sales.
  - iii. Jaden will schedule a special Picnic coordination meeting – the first being set for Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM.
- d. Grant Comm – Jaden provided an update on a contact he made within FEMA who is very engaged with grant requests. He will continue to work with his contact to see what options can be pursued to look into large items for grant considerations through FEMA. In addition, the DNR 50/50 Grant for 2025 is opening in the next month. Justin requested the team to propose items to be included in the grant submission...these items will be captured on the whiteboard. The Tipler FD will also include their list to be submitted by Long Lake this year as Tipler had done for Long Lake last year.

7) Old Business: No old business to report

8) New Business:

- a. BBQ Fundraiser option – new neighbors in the Newald area have offered to support a future fundraiser for the Dept with a BBQ menu. This will be considered for future events.
- b. Fire Department Aux re-establishment – For both reasons of personnel and accounting, the FD Aux has been proposed to be re-established. This would allow the Dept to have their own EIN # and have independent financial auditing responsibilities. Daniel B. made a motion to move forward with the creation of the new Auxiliary, Charlie N. seconded the motion. Motion passed with approval by all members present.
- c. Fire Inspections – Inspections are to begin next month (June) at Town businesses.  
**ACTION:** Joe to create a letter to notify businesses of the upcoming inspection to allow them to schedule with the Dept to get them done. David R. recommended explaining the positive consideration of having fire inspections performed in order to highlight the safety and health contributions as well as the responsibility of the FD by the State to perform the inspections.
- d. FCERA Meeting – Justin attended the recent County meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> and reviewed the highlights:

- i. CPR training is promoted to be performed and can be supported by the County EMS team. This could be done for the community as an instructional safety and health event.
- ii. Hazmat training meeting taking place on May 7<sup>th</sup> and will require interested members to complete applications before then to take part in the training.
- iii. National Night Out – taking place in Aurora on Aug 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00PM.
- iv. EMS Facility located north of Long Lake in Tipler will have a planned groundbreaking beginning in June with plans to be operational in January 2026.
- v. App EVR can be used to identify make/models of cars and provide important vehicle details information for safety and extrication considerations.
- vi. Mellissa N. is offering Mounted Search and Rescue services to the County and our Department. She is looking for training opportunities and has asked anyone that is interested in assisting with training to contact her.
- vii. Next FCERA meeting is June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM in Homestead.
- e. Newspaper article about the Long Lake Fire Dept will be published in the Florence Mining Newspaper in May. This was regarding the re-establishment of the Fire Department with interview comments made by Justin also promoting the upcoming Memorial Day Raffle and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic and Parade.

9) Planned Training –

- a. Chainsaw/Wildfire training will take place for May.
- b. Pumper Operator Training – will be targeted to get scheduled in June if available.

10) Recent Calls Review – none to report.

11) Truck and Equipment Maintenance –

- a. Brush Truck (703) – pump primer is broken, drain valves are cracked, pump fittings are cracked. Recommendation by Oshkosh Fire representative is that the truck is not worth the money that would be required to fix it. Motion made by Joe H. to put the truck up for sale. Motion seconded by Scott L. Motion approved by 2/3 members present (majority) – motion passed. Timing of truck sale will be discussed further as the truck may be able to be used for road safety management in the meantime. A motion was made by Justin to pursue grants through FEMA with support from his contact within FEMA. Daniel B. seconded the motion. Charlie N. expressed his interest in being a part of this process given he being a member of the Grants Committee. Another suggestion by Oshkosh Fire is to add a 300 ft reel of 1” hose on Tender 702. Motion was made by Justin to get the additional hose purchase completed. Motion was seconded by David R. and approved

by members present. Motion carried. **ACTION:** Justin to place order for additional 300' of 1" hose purchase to be allocated to Tender 702.

- b. Lighting update – Quote was provided by Luke Zoske electrician to replace 5 lights in the Dept meeting room. Justin made a motion to move forward with the replacement of the lights for \$100/each. Motion was seconded by Beatta S. Motion approved by all members. **ACTION:** Joe to confirm with Luke to have the lights replaced.
- c. Missing Equipment – **ACTION:** List of equipment potentially missing will be provided by Patty P. to Justin for investigation. **ACTION:** Joe will create a letter that will be used to request return of missing equipment should there be suspected personnel that may hold the equipment. This will be submitted only after a discussion has been had with the person first.

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

13) Purchase Requests:

- a. Scott L. indicated that he could get a Blackstone Grill for the Fire Department in preparation for the Memorial Day event as well as future grilling needs by the Department. **ACTION:** Scott will have a discussion with Bigari ACE Hardware to see if he could get a partial donation for the new grill.

14) Open Comments:

- a. LED Sign – question by Town resident interested in when and why the sign isn't up and running. Joe H. reported that he is working with David Rickaby to debug the sign. This work will be done in the next weeks with all intents to get the sign running ahead of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic/parade.
- b. Possibility to have a Community Appreciation Event this fall instead of another fundraiser for the Dept. This was met with positive response and agreed by the Dept members to "give back to the community" this fall instead of asking for more funds/raffles over that same timeframe.

15) Next Meeting Schedule: Next meeting is scheduled for June 5th, 2025 at 6:00PM. Training meeting will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM this month.

16) Meeting Adjournment: Meeting was motioned to be adjourned by Daniel B.; motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jaden S. – meeting adjourned at 7:44PM.

## ACTION ITEM Summary List – May 2025

### **ACTION Summary:**

- a. **ACTION:** **Scott** will get price quote from his contact for twenty (20) 5-point break-away safety vests...sizes Large (10), XL (10).
- b. **ACTION:** **ALL** Department members to bring DNR equipment/gear ideas to the next meeting in order to begin FD FEMA grant needs and application process.
- c. **ACTION:** **Justin** will be reaching out to get Pumper Operator Training scheduled in June timeframe.
- d. **ACTION:** **Justin** will capture the formalized update for Chainsaw Operation into the SOG document.
- e. **ACTION:** **Justin** will capture the formalized update for Dispatch Response continuing to the scene into the SOG document.
- f. **ACTION:** **Jaden** will coordinate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic/Parade banner and poster design and printing using the same vendor that created the Gun raffle posters.
- g. **ACTION:** **Joe** to create a letter to notify businesses of Fire Inspections to allow them to schedule with the Dept to get them done.
- h. **ACTION:** **Justin** to place order for additional 300ft of 1" hose purchase to be allocated to Tender 702.
- i. **ACTION:** **Joe** to confirm with Luke Z. electrician to have the meeting room lights replaced.
- j. **ACTION:** **Patty P.** will provide a list of equipment potentially missing to Justin for further investigation.
- k. **ACTION:** **Joe** will create a letter that will be used to request return of missing equipment should there be suspected personnel that may hold the equipment...letter will only be used after a discussion takes place to attempt to get equipment returned.
- l. **ACTION:** **Scott** will have a discussion with Bigari ACE Hardware to see if he could get a partial donation for a new Blackstone grill for the Dept.