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24100 Smithtown Road, Shorewood, MN 55331

Fire Operating Committee Meeting
January 21, 2026 at 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Operating Committee Member Kristi Lugar called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM

Members Present: Kristi Luger (Excelsior City Manager), and Marc Nevinski (Shorewood City Administrator), CJ Holl (Tonka Bay City Administrator),

Members Absent: Dan Madsen Tom Fletcher (Greenwood Mayor in the capacity of City Administrator), (Deephaven City Administrator),

Staff Members Present: Fire Chief Curt Mackey; Assistant Fire Chief Nate Bassinger

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Luger Second by Holl to approve the Agenda – Motion passed

2. Minutes

Motion by Lugar, Second by Holl to approve the December 2025 minutes – Motion passed

Bills

Motion by Nevinski, Second by Luger to approve the December 2025 bills – Motion Passed

3. Budget Updates

- 2025 Audit starting and will lead into the budget process for 2027
- Will need to plan for Third Battalion Chief and truck purchase

4. Administration

- a. Responses and Calls Finished year with 1326 calls, about 200 over highest record.
- b. Lift Assists – Discussed possible ordinance requiring compensation for lift assists, particularly for commercial operations. Need to get numbers from both PD and EFD and there are many nuances to consider.

5. Board Meeting

- a. Next Fire Board meeting Wednesday January 28, 2026, 18:00 EOC Station 1.
 - i. Keep dual service policy on the consent agenda
 - ii. Work Session Afterward
 1. Discuss staffing plan/model – goal to get understanding and consensus on moving forward.

2. Truck purchase – discuss options for how to proceed financially.
- b. Major “All Call”: None

6. Admin Updates

- a. Leadership Development & Succession Planning
 - i. Working with Scott Nelson and succession planning. Will be at 44 and will test this level of staffing. FAOs in training
- b. Personnel & Staffing
 - i. At 46 following a recent resignation
 - ii. Hired BC 2, Troy Walsh and has strong background in firefighting, public works and loss control at LMC. Focus on emergency management and support special events.
- c. Future Topics to discuss
 - i. Special events and inspections
 - ii. Fire permits
 - iii. Building permits and inspections
- d. EMS
 - i. Review of recent meeting with County about EMS.
- e. Dual Service
 - i. On consent agenda for next meeting.
- f. Building Analysis
 - i. KA is conducting and expect to complete shortly.
- g. Apparatus & Station Updates
 - i. SCBAs have been delivered. Smaller and lighter, FF like them can maneuver more easily.
 - ii. Engine 21 – working with LMC on fixes following accident on Ridge Road. 23 year old truck and hard to replace equipment. Will sell in two years. Considering how much to fix.
- h. Chiller Replacement Project
 - i. System is functioning. Billed mostly in 2025.

7. Other Items

- a. No other items

8. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Lugar, Second by Nevinski to adjourn at 10:45 AM – Motion Passed, Holl Opposed.

Next meeting Wednesday, February 18, 2026. 9:00 AM Fire Station 1 Conference Room

Minutes prepared by Marc Nevinski