

DeForest Windsor Fire & EMS District Board Meeting

April 8, 2020 4:00 PM

DeForest Windsor Fire and EMS Department 110 S. Stevenson St.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a meeting of the DeForest Windsor Fire & EMS District Board commencing at the time and place noted above. The following is the agenda for this meeting, which sets forth the subject matters to be discussed and considered. If the agenda so indicates, the aforesaid governmental body may convene in closed session for the purpose(s) indicated. Upon conclusion of the closed session, if any, the governmental body will reconvene into open session to take action, if any, on matters discussed in closed session and for the purpose of concluding the agenda.

Minutes

- 1) Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call-** The meeting was called to order by President Blau at 4pm. All were present via video conference.

Present were: Judd Blau- Village of DeForest, Bob Wipperfurth- Village of Windsor, Jeff Miller- Village of DeForest, Don Madelung- Village of Windsor, Chief LaFeber, Office Manager Mooney

- 2) Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance-** Led by Miller
- 3) Announcements-** The DeForest Windsor Fire & EMS District Board will Convene into Closed Session pursuant to: sec. 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Full-Time Employee Status) and 19.85(1)(f) For the purpose of considering medical information of specific persons which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to (possible exposure to and/or confirmed positive COVID-19 status).
- 4) Appearances Before the Board-** N/A
- 5) Chief LaFeber's Monthly Report/Action Items:**
 - a) Chief's Update-** Chief LaFeber was able to get the call volume numbers for the month of March. There were 126 calls for the month of March which is 1 less than the number we had in 2019. Average response time was 2 minutes and 32 seconds. Overall, operations were looking good. Billing came in and are still ahead of that currently.

b) **Covid-19 Update-** Information was sent out to the board member prior the meeting and all board members were able to read through the information before the meeting. No further action was taken at that time. Chief LaFeber did mention that we have one member back in service and has been cleared to come back on duty full time.

6) New Business:

a) **Burn Ban-** Chief LaFeber would like to ban burning in residential areas until further notice. Some talk has been happening with the agricultural areas getting ready to plant and needing to burn piles before doing so. Chief LaFeber stated that he was okay with them getting their stuff burned within the next five days and starting a burn ban after those five days. Madelung asked how we would be able to get that information out to the public. Chief LaFeber responded that we will be able to post the information on the department's Facebook page and can also distribute the information through our normal resources such as the newspaper. Wipperfurth suggested we allow a week of burning for the agricultural fields that way it would give them enough time to get their piles burned before they start their planting. Chief LaFeber stated that he did not have an issue with this, and he suggested that they prefer to start the burn ban on a Monday rather than in the middle of the week. Wipperfurth asked how this would pertain to the rest of the first district as this discussion was only around the Village of DeForest and the Village of Windsor. Chief LaFeber responded that the Town of Leeds is governed by the DNR as they are out of Columbia County. He also stated that he would reach out to the Town of Vienna to inform them of this information regarding the burn ban. Town of Hampden is also governed by the DNR and should have no issues with them regarding the burn ban. A motion for the DeForest Windsor Fire & EMS District institute a burning ban as follows following some of the protocols justified by the DNR. The urbanized area's in Windsor would be banned from burning which means that the burning date for the Village of Windsor will be lifted and will not be able to burn on those burn dates. The Windsor Recycling Center is allowed to burn beginning with a getting a permit from the Fire Department. The agricultural along with the rest of fire district will be allowed to burn up until the 20th of April. As of April 20th, a burn ban will be in effect until further notice by the Department Chief. A motion to approve by Wipperfurth, second by Madelung. Motion carried 4-0.

7) Convene into Closed Session-N/A

a. **With Reference to Announcements**

8) Reconvene into Open Session-N/A

b. **Action Items Resulting from Closed Session – If Any**

9) Future Agenda Items- N/A

10) Schedule for Upcoming Meeting(s)- April 15, 2020 @ 4pm

11) Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by Wipperfurth, second by Miller. Motion carried 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 4:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsey Mooney