

# LaHave & District Volunteer Fire Department

## MINUTES OF THE RATEPAYER ANNUAL MEETING

Held May 29, 2025

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

### 2. Election of Chairman

LaHave and District Fire Department Executive Chairman Dave Schut was nominated BY Ken Zwicker to chair this meeting. There were no other nominations. Dave Schut was appointed to chair this meeting.

### 3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)

There were no additions or deletions.

*Motion to approve the agenda: Carried.*

### 4. Approval of the Minutes of the 2023 Ratepayers Annual Meeting

The Record of Discussion for the 2024 Ratepayers Annual Meeting was read by Dave.

*Motion to approve the Minutes as read: Carried.*

### 5. Old Business/Discussion/Correspondence

Nil.

## 6. Annual Reports

### a. Fire Chief

We responded to a total of 37 calls for 2024, they were:

- 1 Appliance Fire
- 1 chimney fire
- 1 CO alarm
- 1 fire Alarm
- 1 lift assist
- 18 mutual Aid
- 5 MVC
- 1 power pole fire
- 1 Public Assist
- 3 smoke sighting
- 3 unknown fire
- 1 vehicle fire

I move to adopt this report  
Fire Chief  
James Williams

***Motion to approve the Report: Carried.***

### b. Hall Maintenance

Regular maintenance and ground checks, annual service done on Heat pumps. No major repairs needed this year.

***Motion to approve the Report: Carried.***

### c. Station Maintenance

Building and grounds checked with routine maintenance done New heat pump cover installed, new heat pump had annual service, furnace had annual service done. Railing installed on the step going up stairs. A few trees were removed from out back of the station. Weather stripping replaced on both man doors, weather stripping fixed on some of the bay s doors.

***Motion to approve the Report: Carried.***

### d. Truck Maintenance

All monthly check has been done on all trucks. All trucks pass their yearly inspection, with no major issues.

Truck 1, tanker 5 and TAC 3 passed their annual pump flow testing.

Truck 1 – had AC checked control box was struck on one setting

Truck 2 - had air horns repaired, replaced back shocks, replaced batteries

TAC 3 – hose leak in the high pressure line, a relay was replaced for the air compressor and safety valve on air tank,

Truck 4 – replaced drivers side blinker, replaced battery

Tanker 5 – had a coolant leak fixed in a hose for the pump compartment

Replaced trailer lights

I move to adopt this report as presented.

Chief

James Williams

***Motion to approve the Report: Carried.***

**e. Chairperson of the Executive (including update on ongoing projects)**

We are working on policy for Code of Conduct to govern interactions among the executives.

Monitor the budget and provide feedback.

***Motion to approve the Report: Carried.***

**f. Auxiliary**

This past year the Auxiliary has taken part in, at the same time the Hot Soup / CoolBowl Event & the Art Raffle . Thanks to Jackie , Vaughn & all the Artist who donated pieces of their work . We have had a Plant Sale, Penny Auction Catered to wedding , Birthday & Celebrations of Life within our Fire Communities , as well as a Mitchell's Soup Campaign The Auxiliary helped during Fire Training Sessions with meal preparation . When needed we can be found at the Fire Hall preparing food during major emergency calls providing food to the Firefighters The \$500.00 Bursary continues to be offered to graduating students within our Fire District . Check with the High School Guidance councillor I move the adoption of this report  
Ginny Mulock  
Auxiliary President

***Motion to approve the Report: Carried.***

**g. Treasurer/Fire Tax Rate**

The Treasurer Report was presented. See attached.  
Tax Rate \$0.15 per one hundred dollars of property assessment value for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

***Motion to approve the Fire Tax Rate: Carried.***

**h. Auditor Appointment**

Motion to change auditor to Goldstar Accounting in Petite.

***Motion to approve: Carried***

**7. Nominations and Elections**

The nominations and Executive election results were:

Treasurer: Andrew Nemirovsky  
Secretary: Tara Clothier

Community Representatives: 1. Dave Schut  
2. Ken Zwicker  
3. Ian Pineiu

**8. New Business**

1. There was a discussion regarding the tower. Arthur said we should check with Eastlink about co-locating on their tower to save money.
2. We discussed the NFA- National Fire Academy guidelines and how we must follow these guidelines with truck maintenance and replacement so that we are able to be a NFA. If we aren't following guidelines homeowners' insurance may be affected. Perhaps we could put in Red Pumper a comparison of insurance rates with and without certification.
3. We discussed getting community engagement and we should have advised of the rate increase before the meeting which could have lead to higher attendance at the meeting.
4. Our new building was discussed. We will be getting drawings and quotes as well as looking into changing our Act of Incorporation to allow higher borrowing limits when we are ready to get a mortgage. We can have special rate payer meeting to discuss the building project in detail when we get more information.
5. There was also a discussion about the Ladies Auxiliary funds and if they are needed which ofcourse they are. It was decided that it may be a good idea for the funds raised by the Auxiliary to go to a specific item instead of just general donation.

**9. Meeting Adjourned – 8:50pm.**

Minutes Prepared by: Tara Clothier

## **Elections of officers**

We held our annual elections of officers in January 2025

Fire Chief James Williams

Deputy Chief Jonathan Mulock

Captain Savannah Mossman Williams

Captain Trevor Romkey

Lt Derek Bush

Lt Derek Purcell

## **Ladies Auxiliary**

The Auxiliary officers    President    Ginny Mulock

   Vice President    Sandra Himmelman

   Secretary    Stacey Dorey

   Treasurer    vacant