

CHIPPEWA-MARTINY
FIRE BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2026

The regular Chippewa-Martiny Fire Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Barb Hampel at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Barb Hampel, Shirley Hazen, Julie Austin, Dale Dosenberry, Cindy Lattimore, Kristin Lytle, Lois Schmidt, and Debbie Zielinski.

ABSENT: Connie Grant & Annette Walters

Let the record show a quorum of the Chippewa-Martiny Fire Board was present.

MOTION C.Lattimore/J.Austin approve the minutes of the November 17, 2025, meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

RESOLUTION K.Lytle/S.Hazen to allow both Chippewa and Martiny Townships to add an additional \$10,000.00 to the 2025/2026 budget pending Township approval.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT.

RESOLUTION L.Schmidt/K.Lytle to approve the Budget Amendment as follows: Add \$20,000.00 to the Revenue side. Carry \$10,000 to the Wages Line Item, \$5000 to the Repair of Equipment Line Item, \$1500 to the Repair of Building Line Item and \$3500 to the 941 IRS Line Item.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Bills were electronically transmitted to each Board member prior to the meeting for review. At this time the bills were presented to the Chippewa-Martiny Fire Board.

RESOLUTION J.Austin/C.Lattimore to pay check numbers 7929 - 7968 plus EFTs in the amount gross amount of \$22,765.62, contingent on approval of the additional funds from both Township. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 8 AYES, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT.**

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer J.Austin's report shows a balance of -2941.54 as of 1/12/2026. **MOTION K.Lytle/C.Lattimore** to approve the treasurer report and place it on file. **MOTION CARRIES**

TRUCK REPORTS:

December and January Truck reports were provided to each board member prior to the meeting. **MOTION K.Lytle/L.Schmidt** to accept the Truck Reports and place it on file. **MOTION CARRIES**

CHIEF COMMENTS:

Chief Brian David reported that the Fire department responded to 31 calls in 4 days. Some of our Firefighters slept on cots at the Fire station. Brian is very proud of our Firefighters. The Rooster Saloon and Eastbay General Store went above and beyond to support our Firefighters with food and drinks.

Brian is extremely disappointed in the Mecosta County Emergency Management Coordinator. Brian would like to see the Fireboard send a letter to Mindy Taylor to inform her about the complaints that we have regarding Mr. Maddox. **MOTION D.Zielinski/S.Hazen** to write a letter to Mindy Taylor regarding Patrick Maddox.

MOTION CARRIES

OLD BUSINESS:

DNR Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant – CMFD was awarded \$9966.00 (this is a 50/50 matching grant). These funds will be used to purchase 6 sets of dual wildland gear, 15 sets of gloves, and 15 stream lights.

Appreciation Gifts – All the Firefighters were extremely happy about their appreciation gifts. K.Lytle purchased everything for \$2173.50 and returned \$76.50 to the Treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY 20267/2027 Budget – J.Austin reminded the Board members that she will be working on the 2026/2027 Budget. If there's any concerns or questions, please let her know ASAP.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

BEING no further business or public comment to be brought before the Board:

MOTION J.Austin/S.Hazen to adjourn the January 12, 2026, Chippewa-Martiny Fire Board meeting at 6:49 p.m. **MOTION CARRIES**

These minutes were prepared by:
Clerk, Kristin Lytle

**CHIPPEWA – MARTINY
FIRE DEPARTMENT
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Barb Hampel, Supervisor

Julie Austin, Treasurer

Lois Schmidt

Shirley Hazen, Supervisor

Dale Dosenberry

Annette Walters

Kristin Lytle, Clerk

Connie Grant

Debra Zielinski

Cindy Lattimore

January 20, 2026

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Dear Mrs. Taylor

At a recent Chippewa-Martiny Fire Board Meeting, I was asked to send you this letter.

The Chippewa-Martiny Fire Board, as well as the Firefighters, are extremely dissatisfied with the performance of the Mecosta County Emergency Management Coordinator, Patrick Maddox. During the catastrophic ice storm (December 26 – December 29) there was no communication from Mr. Maddox to our Fire Chief. With well over 50% of our residents without power, multiple roads left unpassable, and 33 fire calls within a 72-hour time span; Chief Brian David should have been contacted by Mr. Maddox.

Mr. Maddox should have been inquiring if there was anything that Emergency Management could do to help the Fire Department personnel or the residents of our two Townships.

The definition of Emergency Management is: *the strategic process of coordinating resources and responsibilities to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters*. We believe that Mr. Maddox is more concerned with being reactive to a situation instead of being proactive.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact the Chippewa-Martiny Fire Department Clerk at Kristin@Chippewatwp.org or the Treasurer at Julie@Chippewatwp.org. You may also call the office at 231-867-3777.

Sincerely,

The Chippewa-Martiny Fire Board

