

**WRIGHT TALLMADGE FIRE BOARD
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025
7:00 PM AT
WRIGHT TOWNSHIP**

7:00 Valdyne Schwallier called the meeting to order.

Members present: Sharyl Dietrich, Mike Eppink, Rick Schoenborn, and Valdyne Schwallier

Also present: Jon Alkema, Mike Gavin and Josh Thibault

Motion made by Schoenborn and seconded by Dietrich to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2025, meeting and bills to be paid for October, November and December 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- No public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

- New tanker update: chassis will start to be built in October and done approximately in December. Then it will go on to the manufacture.
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NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion for fire inspector vehicle. See attached. Decision tabled until December, or possibly a special meeting, for budget review by the Board.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT AND UPDATES

- See attached.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharyl Dietrich

**WRIGHT TALLMADGE FIRE BOARD
JUNE 3, 2025
7:00 PM AT
TALLMADGE TOWNSHIP**

7:00 Valdyne Schwallier called the meeting to order.

Members present: Sharyl Dietrich, Mike Eppink, Rick Schoenborn, Valdyne Schwallier

Also present: Jon Alkema, Mark Bennett, Mike Gavin

Absent: Adam Taylor

Motion made by Schoenborn, seconded by Eppink to approve bills to be paid for June, July and August 2025.

Motion made by Schoenborn and seconded by Dietrich to approve meeting minutes from February 5 Budget Workshop and March 4 Board Meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Attenuator Truck (highway blocking truck) very near ready for service.

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion made by Dietrich and seconded by Schoenborn to appoint Mike Gavin as Fire Chief from June 2025 through May 2026. Roll call, all ayes, motioned carried.
- Board recognized Josh Thibault for his hard work and dedication in passing the Fire Inspector Certification Training.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT AND UPDATES

- Gavin and Alkema attended the Fire Chiefs conference in Novi.
- Fire Association purchased another drone.
- Gavin requesting to purchase another new truck for inspections. Thibault's opinion is requirements be minimum, just enough to get by.
- Cost will be presented at September's Board Meeting.
- Berlin Fair week coming up. As always, the Fire Association will be working hard at raising money for the Association.
- Currently there are 2 fire fighters on medical leave and one on military leave.
- Four members will be graduating from the Fire Academy this June.
- Tanker update – chassis will be built the 4th quarter this year and finer details of the truck are currently be worked through.
- May was a busy month for the Fire Department.
- New sign is installed.
- Room at 1565 Jackson almost complete.
- Gavin asked Wright Township to purchase security cameras for 1565 Jackson St.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharyl Dietrich

Fire Inspector
Vehicle

2026 Tahoe 4x4 SSV	\$55,797.00	\$62,000
Lights and Sirens	\$9,800.00	
Console	\$1,200.00	
Ipad	\$1,300.00	
Wiring supplies for lights	\$500.00	
Gear Insert	\$7,500.00	
1000w Inverter	\$200.00	
Graphics	\$2,000.00	
Medical Supplies	\$5,000.00	
Auto Eject Charger	\$1,200.00	
	\$84,497.00	

2026 2500HD 4x4	\$59,000.00	
Lights and Sirens	\$8,400.00	
Console	\$1,200.00	
ipad	\$1,300.00	
Wiring supplies for lights	\$500.00	
Cap w/Toolboxes	\$4,760.00	
Decked System	\$1,700.00	
Decked sliding tray	\$1,600.00	
1000w Inverter	\$200.00	
Graphics	\$2,000.00	
Medical Supplies	\$5,000.00	
Auto Eject Charger	\$1,200.00	
	\$86,860.00	

Agenda

- Inspector Vehicle Options

Chief Update

- Old Bank Building Discussion
- Fire Department Reports
 - o Call Volume: 760 to date (789 to date in 2024)
 - o Fire Inspections - Josh
 - o Personnel
 - 5 New Hires – 3w 2t
 - 2(3) in EMT Class
 - 1 person on medical leave
 - 1 person on administrative leave
 - o ALS (Lakeshore) (Muskegon) (WTFD)
 - o Training Update
 - Heavy Rescue coming up with NEOFC
 - o Peer Support Team - Josh
 - o New Tanker Project - Jon
 - o 9 Sets of gear ordered – Jon
 - o Walker and Georgetown and Conklin Staffing
 - o Station 1 updates being wrapped up
 - o Dispatch- many new people
 - o Repairs
 - 1821 Primer Valve
 - 1872 Collision Damage
 - 1861 Front Tire replacement due to damage
 - Attenuator hit on I-96
 - o Significant calls
 - Barn Fire in Alpine (6 mile)
 - Fatal Fire in Alpine (4 mile)
 - Drone assist- Muskegon (missing person) Georgetown (Large Structure Fire) GH Twp (assist police)
 - Self-storage fire on Ironwood
 - Significant Vehicle Crashes on the highway, 8th/LMD, and Leonard
 - Deck fire in Lamont