Minutes of the
August 6, 2026
Meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the
Minooka Fire Protection District
Held at Fire Headquarters, 7901 E. Minooka Road, Minooka, Illinois

OPEN SESSION

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m. by Chairman Lindemulder. On a roll call, Commission Chairman Lindemulder and Commissioner Dobczyk answered present. Commissioner Skwarczynski absent.

Staff: Chief Yancey, Deputy Chief Sprague, Deputy Chief Salazar, and Investigator Karczewski.

Introductions

New Commissioner Dobczyk was introduced to the commission. Chris Salazar, the new deputy chief of operations, was introduced to the commission. Deputy Chief Salazar will take Deputy Chief Sprague's position when Deputy Chief Sprague is appointed chief in September due to Chief Yancey's retirement.

Reorganization of the Board

A motion by Commissioner Lindemulder to maintain the offices as current with George Lindemulder as Chairman, and Al Skwarczynski as Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Dobczyk. Roll Call: Dobczyk – aye, Lindemulder – aye, motion carried.

Secretary Pro-Temp
A motion by Commissioner Lindemulder to appoint Commissioner Dobczyk as the secretary pro-temp for the purpose of the meeting and in the absence or Commission Secretary Skwarczynski.

Consideration of minutes from open meeting dated May 12, 2026

A motion to accept the minutes of May 12, 2026 by Commissioner Lindemulder and seconded by Commissioner Dobczyk, all in favor, motion carried.

Background Investigation Review

Commissioners reviewed the background investigation for Carmody, Miller, and Metke. Commissioners spoke to Investigator Karczewski regarding his findings and held a discussion.

A motion by Commissioner Lindemulder to remove applicant Carmody from the list of eligibles based on findings within the background investigation, seconded by Commissioner Dobczyk. Roll Call: Dobczyk – aye, Lindemulder – aye, motion carried.

A motion by Commissioner Lindemulder to remove applicant Miller from the eligibles, based on findings within the background investigation, seconded by Commissioner Dobczyk. Roll Call: Dobczyk – aye, Lindemulder – aye, motion carried.

A motion by Commissioner Lindemulder to direct staff to move forward with the hiring of applicant Metke pending and subject to the additional requirements within the conditional offer, seconded by Commissioner Dobczyk. Roll Call: Dobczyk – aye, Lindemulder – aye, motion carried

Commission held additional discussion regarding staff proceeding with the process to hire the additional authorized positions.

Other Business:
Chief Yancey briefed the Commission on the progress of updating the commission rules. Updates are being made by the attorney and will be sent out to the Commission in the near future.

Adjournment

At 5:12 p.m. Commissioner Lindemulder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dobczyk. All in favor, motion carried.

George Lindemulder, Chairman

Ryan Dobczyk, Secretary Pro-Temp