Oostburg Fire & EMR Partners Meeting – Thursday, June 18th, 2026
Village Offices, 1140 Minnesota Ave., Oostburg, WI

The special meeting of Oostburg Fire Partners was convened on Thursday, June 18th, 2026, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Roethel at 6:07 pm. The members were Dave Huenink Town of Holland, Jay Vander Weele, Jim Heinen Town of Lima, Carl Roethel, and Brian Schumacher from the Village of Oostburg. The representatives of the Oostburg Fire Department were Chief Nate Voskuil, Assistant Chief John DuMez and Rich Neerhof.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Chairman Carl Roethel announced that the meeting was properly posted to comply with the open meeting laws.

Dave Huenink moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Jay Vander Weele. Motion was approved.

Jay Vander Weele moved to approve the minutes of the April 23rd, 2026, meeting, seconded by Dave Huenink. Motion was approved.

Chief Nate Voskuil called the special meeting to give the partners an update on the recent traffic accident of Engine 1561, the 2000 truck. This incident occurred on Tuesday, June 9th, 2026, the engine along with 8 Fire Fighters were returning from a multi-department house fire in the Town of Mitchell. They were traveling on Woodside Road when the driver reached up to turn off the emergency lights and the right front tire drove too close to the edge of the road. Due to very narrow shoulders and a very marshy area, Engine 1561 immediately went into the ditch. Chief Nate Voskuil reported that no one was injured and the truck did not roll over, however; the truck did sustain significant damage and was no longer drivable and needed to be towed from the site. Since the other engine has been sold, they are currently leasing a 1989 engine from Adell Fire Department. This engine had just been replaced by the Adell Fire Department and was for sale. The Oostburg Fire Department has already used this engine on one call.

Chief Nate Voskuil told the Oostburg Fire Partners members, Engine 1561 was at Red Power Diesel Service in Fremont, WI, and they still had not received a detailed report on what was damaged and the cost of repairs. The Oostburg Fire Department does have replacement coverage on all the trucks, so the financial impact for the partners should be very minimum. Chief Voskuil is hoping to have a cost estimate in the next four weeks. Chief Voskuil was given an estimated repair timeline of 3 to 5 months by Red Power Diesel Service.

Chief Voskuil then discussed the leasing of the Adell Engine, he said that their insurance coverage includes rental coverage for incidents just like this when an engine or equipment is disabled due to an accident. Adell is willing to rent the Engine for $2,500 a month or sell them the Engine for $5,000. Chief Voskuil said the Insurance Company will cover a “Leasing to Purchase” cost for the department. Dave Huenink moved to approve “Leasing to Purchase” for the Adell 1989 Engine, motion was seconded by Jay Vander Weele. Motion was approved

Next meeting date was set for Thursday, August 20th, 2026, at 6:30 pm at the Oostburg Village Office. Brian Schumacher moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jay Vander Weele Motion was approved, and the meeting concluded at 6:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by;

Jim Heinen, Oostburg Fire Partners – Secretary