

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 9, 2022 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF WINCHESTER, VILAS COUNTY
Pending Approval from the Town Board

Chairman Discianno called the meeting to order at 8:36AM on Wednesday March 9, 2022 at the Winchester Town Hall. Those present were Chairman Discianno, Supervisor Grimmer, Clerk Wainio, volunteer firefighter Sulo Wainio. Supervisor Whitney joined via telephone.

Supervisor Grimmer motioned to approve the agenda at the discretion of the Chair, seconded by Supervisor Whitney and approved 3-0.

Chairman Discianno moved to go into closed session under SS19.85(1)(b) to consider discipline of a volunteer. Supervisor Grimmer made the second, approved 3-0.

During the meeting the board considered volunteer firefighter Sulo Wainio's concern that he had not been given the opportunity to defend himself prior to the termination action proposed March 7, 2022, the length (4 months) suspension suggested, and discipline of two additional members involved in the September 14, 2021 Fire Department meeting altercation.

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:09 AM. Supervisor Grimmer made a motion to suspend Sulo Wainio for a period of 3 months and file a written reprimand in Sulo's Fire Department personnel file for "actions 9/14/21 at the Fire Dept. meeting". During the period of March 9, 2022 through June 9, 2022 Sulo Wainio cannot participate in any Winchester Volunteer Fire Department meetings, training or Fire/EMS calls. Mr. Wainio agreed to hold the Town of Winchester harmless in this action. Chairman Discianno seconded the motion made by Mr. Grimmer. The motion carried on a voice vote as follows, Mr. Discianno aye, Mr. Grimmer aye and Mr. Whitney nay.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Wainio, Town Clerk