

March 30, 2021 6:30 PM

Approved Minutes

The committee's 5th meeting occurred on March 30, 2021 at 6:30 PM organized and called to order by Chairperson Ken Schaefer. Committee members in attendance were: Mike Funk and Josh Carney – 2 members appointed to represent the fire department, Kathy Stadtmueller, Haily Joas and Sue Schiesl, representing the 1st Responders, Tim Lemke and Tammy Mackai appointed to represent the village and Ken Schaefer and Steve Phipps appointed to represent the town. Members of the public present: Jim Hooyman. Steve P. indicated the meeting was posted on the town's behalf. Tammy moved and Mike 2nd to approve the previous month's minutes. M/C.

No one signed up for public comment.

Tim Lemke and Haily 2nd to approve the agenda for the evening. M/C.

The answers from the WTA staff attorney regarding the previous meeting questions were reviewed. A presentation was played from the Wisconsin Towns Association archives about funding/management the fire departments and EMS services.

After the video presentation and occasional pauses for discussion, the committee came up with issues Ken would bring to the joint boards. The items being: compensation for FD and EMS staff, by-law revisions for FD and facility needs present/future as it relates to possible grants should they materialize.

At 8:30 PM, Steve moved and Haily 2nd to adjourn the meeting. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Phipps
Recording Secretary

May 25, 2021 6:30 PM

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The committee's 6th meeting, organized and called to order by Chairperson Ken Schaefer. Committee members in attendance were: Mike Funk and Josh Carney – 2 members appointed to represent the fire department, Haily Joas arrived at 6:37 PM, representing the 1st Responders, Tim Lemke and Tammy Mackai appointed to represent the village and Ken Schaefer and Steve Phipps appointed to represent the town. Members of the public present: Bill Van Hoorn. Steve P. indicated the meeting was posted on the town's behalf.

No one signed up for public comment.

Mike Funk moved and Tim Lemke 2nd to approve the agenda for the evening. M/C.

Mike Funk presented the summary of the WI Dept of Safety and Prof. Services audit that indicated the fire department was substantially compliant. Some areas for future improvement were: improved description of training events/standards, fire prevention efforts and in the area of accounting.

Building Needs: General discussion occurred about future building needs and whether a consultant/designer and/or contractor was needed, as well as the availability of expanding the footprint of the land and/or building co-owned by the town and village, options for a 2nd egress and ingress to station and the effect on adjacent park facilities versus relocating the entire facility if more land was not available. Village representatives would bring the issue to the village board and report back to the committee about the board's reception to the question.

Joint Contract: Ken Schaefer brought up the disparity in allocation of fire department expenses based on the current formula due to the greater amount of linear shoreline the town has that poses limited to no fire risk and the need to examine a more equitable distribution. General discussion occurred about possible options and Mike Funk indicated while the lake frontage does appear to bring a disparity, he is not aware of other departments using any other formula than assessed value. Steve indicated the village does also have 2 houses of worship and a school that are serviced by the fire department and not reflected on the tax assessment as another factor affecting this disparity. Ken indicated this would be an issue for future meeting and wanted to bring it up to give everyone time to think about it.

Steve moved and Tammy Mackai 2nd the adjourn at 8:05 PM and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Phipps
Recording Secretary