



# Town of Newark

## Fire EMS Advisory Committee

Report of findings and recommendations

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# Let's lay some groundwork – why are we here

- Last fall the Orfordville Fire Department (OFD) requested a tax levy effectively increasing our charge from \$82,000/yr to \$308,000/yr.
- This would increase property taxes \$153/100k assessed value.
- Town residences voted this down twice and asked for more information and options.
- This committee was formed to do just that.

# Objective

To select the best Fire/EMS service for the town of Newark in the most fiscally responsible manner.

## How did we approach this?

We identified 3 possible and viable solutions & performed a quantifiable comparison between them;

- Stay with OFD without the increase
- Vote the increase in and stay with OFD
- Accept the proposal from the Town of Beloit fire (ToB)

## Comparison of Fire/EMS Services for Newark Township

	OFD 2023 Part Time/Vol	OFD 2024 Goal Partial Full Time	ToBFD 2024 Full Time
AVL* Capable	NO	YES	YES
Closer to Newark Addresses	36%	36%	64%
2022 Out of Service	51%	N/A	0%
2023 Out of Service	8%	0%	0%
Costs By Department**			
2024 Dept Charge to Newark	\$ 135,000	\$308,000	\$ 100,000
Total 2024 Taxes per \$100,000	\$ 121.40	\$ 232.13	\$ 119.00
Total 2025 Taxes per \$100,000	\$ 86.40	\$ 197.13	\$ 65.92
Annual Charge Increase CAP	none	4%	3%

\* AVL - Automatic Vehicle Location

\*\* All Tax Rate estimates based on 2022 Assessed Town Value of \$156,242,800

## Comparison of OFD and ToBFD Costs Over Time

### Orfordville Fire/EMS

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 Goal	Beyond '24	
OFD Charge to Newark	\$ 63,000	\$ 65,000	\$ 78,000	\$ 81,000	\$ 82,000	\$ 135,000	\$ 308,000	unknown	
Increase		3%	20%	4%	1%	65%	128%	unknown	
Property Tax on \$100,000	\$ 40.32	\$ 41.60	\$ 49.92	\$ 51.84	\$ 52.48	\$ 86.40	\$ 197.13	unknown	

\* 2018 to 2021 taken from Town of Newark Financial Statements / Annual Reports

\*\* 2022 to 2024 per Robert Carlson at 2/8/2023 meeting

\*\* OFD increased an average of 37% in the years 2018-2021

### Town of Beloit Fire/EMS

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2035	2062
ToBFD Charge to Newark	\$ 100,000	\$ 103,000	\$ 106,090	\$ 109,273	\$ 112,551	\$ 115,927	\$ 119,405	\$ 138,423	\$ 307,478
Increase		3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Property Tax on \$100,000	\$ 64.00	\$ 65.92	\$ 67.90	\$ 69.94	\$ 72.04	\$ 74.20	\$ 76.42	\$ 88.60	\$ 196.80

\*\*\* All Tax Rate estimates based on 2022 Assessed Town Value of \$156,242,800 provided at 2/28/2023 meeting

# Highlights of the ToBFD proposal

- \$100,000 annual cost paid in 4 quarterly installments.
- Annual increase based on All-Items consumer Price Index with a 3% cap.
- 1 year notice for Newark to opt-out of contract.
- 2 year notice for ToB to opt-out of contract.
- Will provide fire safety inspection services to Newark Township.
- Standard inspection services include structure plan review's, structure inspection, inspection and testing of fire protection systems and code compliance inspections.
- Fire Prevention Bureau will provide identical services to both communities including any social educational services.
- Each month for the first six months of the agreement and at least quarterly each year thereafter representatives of ToBFD will meet to discuss matters related to this agreement.

# Summary

- OFD lacks a clear business plan, expect large increases in charges going forward.
- With current inflation rates, a 3% cap for the annual increase is very attractive.
- Town of Beloit FD Outperforms Orfordville FD by all measures
- Town of Beloit FD costs are significantly lower for all scenarios
- The farther OFD gets with its attempts to raise to ToBFD performance the higher OFD costs go



# Recommendation

On 3/29/2023 the Fire/EMS Advisory Committee unanimously approved the following motion & the committee at this time respectfully submits to the town board the following recommendation;

**...to pursue a contract with Town of Beloit for Fire and EMS service and to explore proration with both Orfordville Fire District and Town of Beloit Fire Department to change service before the end of the year.**



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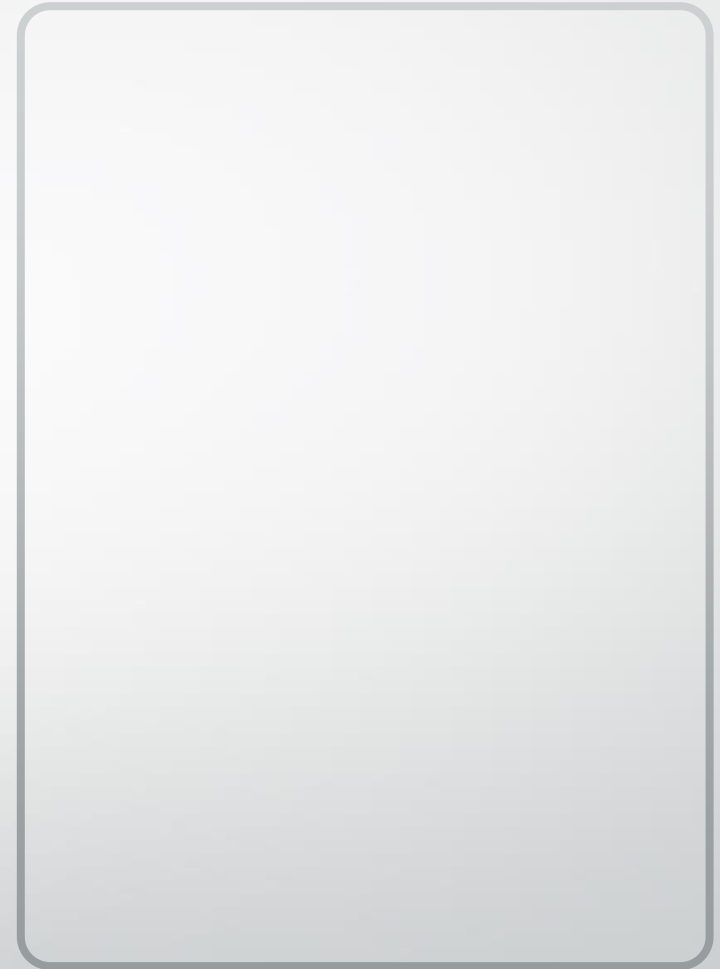




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