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Minutes: Fire/EMS Advisory Committee, Newark Town Hall, 2/8/2023 7:00PM

Attending: Barb Lange, Jeff Bovee, Steve Govert, Brent Zehner, John Sheehan, Russell Beyer, Sheri Disrud, Kevin Kangas, Jeanette Bell, Robert Carlson

Barb Lange called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

John Sheehan moved to approve the Agenda, Kevin Kangas second, the Agenda was approved.

Jeff Bovee moved to amend the Minutes of the 1/25/2023 Meeting, Russell Beyer second, Amendment Approved. John Sheehan moved to approve the Minutes, Jeff Bovee second, Minutes approved as amended.

Barb Lange reviewed the original call for volunteers to serve on the committee to clarify the purpose of the committee.

Barb Lange Reported on related key elements for Home Insurance Impact. Written summary was provided and is on file.

Robert Carlson Reported on Insurance Impact Information. Written summary was provided and is on file.

It was agreed that assembly time for a volunteer or part-time department is significantly longer than any full-time department. Response time of any full-time department under consideration will be significantly shorter than a volunteer or part-time department, regardless of location within the Town.

John Sheehan Reported on a meeting with Chief Pease. Written summary and a copy of the January edition of the Beloit Fire Department Monthly Newsletter was provided and is on file.

John Sheehan reported statistics on Beloit Fire Department. Town of Beloit and City of Beloit are cooperative full time departments and can be viewed functionally as a single entity. Because of the department size and cooperative agreements, Beloit Fire Department has virtually no out-of-service time. Surrounding departments back-fill stations during periods of extreme demand like the recent incident on Interstate 90/39. EMS calls are billed \$1,700. BFD bills insurance for EMS calls but does not bill individuals.

It was additionally noted that there were 91 fire calls to Town of Newark in 2022. City or Town of Beloit Fire Departments responded to 48 of those calls. Orfordville Fire Department responded to 43.

Kevin Kangas Reported on Distance of OFD and Tbfd to tax parcels Across Town of Newark. Written summary was provided and is on file. Kevin will expand the analysis to include City of Beloit Station #3 and eliminate drive time references for the next meeting.

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Bob Carlson clarified recent levy amounts of; \$82K for last year, \$308K rejected in referendum and \$135K levied for this year. The \$135K was larger than expected and funds will have to be taken from other parts of the Town budget to cover. In previous years, a refund from OFD user fees resulted in a refund to the member communities. There was no refund this year. Bob will get an estimate of mill rate impact of options and the Town's total assessed value for the last property tax cycle from the Town Assessor.

Committee members were asked to bring a list of key facts they think should be included in our final summary report.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 2, from 7:00 to 9:00PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin G. Kangas
Fire/EMS Advisory Committee Secretary