



Lake Country Fire & Rescue – **Budget Workshop**
Chenequa – Delafield – Nashotah
Fire Station #1
115 Main Street, Delafield
Thursday, August 4, 2011 – 6p.m.
MINUTES

1. Meeting call to order

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Stotts with the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll call

In attendance were President Rod Stotts, Susan Wilkey, Theresa Urbanchek, Gerry MacDougall, Jeff Krickhahn and Bob Bellin. Chief Edwards and Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Rosch were also present.

3. Communication

Stotts shared with the Board recent news articles regarding Pewaukee getting their Paramedic License and potential cuts to Medicare reimbursements.

4. Approval of minutes of the July 14, 2011 Board meeting

Motion by Bellin to accept the July 14, 2011 minutes as written was second by Wilkey. All ayes. Motion was carried.

5. Presentation 2012 Budget by Chief Edwards

Edwards presented to the Board his 2012 LCFR Budget. In the Revenue budget, Chief Edwards adjusted the Ambulance billings and write-offs to be more in line with what is occurring in 2011. Paramedic Intercepts were adjusted to account for the loss of calls from Pewaukee. With adjustments, the projected revenue increased \$53,000 for a total of \$1,050,150.

Employee WRS contributions were reflected in the Insurance/Benefit Expenses. Medical Insurance rates were increased by 6% as the actual cost is unknown at this point. Rosch stated rates should be available by September. Technical Rescue expenses were returned to the communities to pay as the cost varied based on the community and it was felt this would be more equitable for each community to pay their own cost. New line item added under contracts for "I am Responding". Chief Edwards and staff in attendance demonstrated the way the program worked and the value it has for the department. Previously this was paid for by funding through Lake Country Fire Department. Legal fees were increased. Computer server is needed to separate the Police and Fire Records currently stored at the Public Safety Building on a shared server. Training Expenses will change as 2012 requires the FD to do ACLS/PALS re-certifications (done every two years and mandatory) and with the addition of a new line item for Medical director training. Captain Bowen explained to the Fire Board that many other departments pay their medical directors to hold that position but we are fortunate to have the support of the hospital and medical staff-providing this service to LCFR at no cost. Bowen explained it would be good to be able to sponsor them to attend the annual PSOW (Paramedic Systems of WI) conference to represent LCFR and to see firsthand what is happening in EMS. Also, in lieu of replacing a suburban this year, a cardiac monitor was added for \$25,000 with the hopes that we will be able to establish a budget for a replacement schedule for equipment. Lastly, Chief Edwards presented the need for a capital budget to pay for the repair/replacement of the FORD Ambulance that has had so many repair issues. He will be presenting several options at the next LCFR Board meeting, but at this point he is anticipating the need for \$80,000.

After consideration, discussion and adjustments, the Board was pleased with Edwards's budget as presented. Edwards explained he had developed two budgets. He called them the best case scenario and the worst case. He told the Board, based on the direction from communities; he presented the worst case knowing the financial situation our communities are in. But Edwards cautioned the Board about deferring the replacement of vehicles and equipment as maintenance and repair costs will increase.

Lastly, a 20 year vehicle replacement schedule was shared with the Board. The schedule was prepared within the guidelines of the Intermunicipality Agreement.

6. Confirmation of upcoming meetings:

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 6pm, Station #1

Possible need for Budget workshops Thursdays, August 18, 25, 2011

Annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 6pm, Station #1

September Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 7pm, Station #1

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Krickhahn was made at 8:01pm, second by MacDougall. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Rosch, Secretary/Treasurer