



Lake Country Fire & Rescue – **Fire Board** Meeting
Chenequa – Delafield – Nashotah
Fire Station #3
31275 Highway K, Chenequa
Wednesday, August 25th, 2010 – 6p.m.
MINUTES

Fire Board Budget Workshop Meeting

1. Meeting call to order

Meeting was called to order by President Stotts at 6:01pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll call

In attendance were President Stotts, Vice President Gordon Gunnlaugsson, Gerry MacDougall, Jeff Krickhahn, Theresa Urbanek, Chief Jack Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Rosch and City of Delafield Administrator Tim Schuenke and Village President Rich Lartz. Susan Wilkey was absent.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Communication

None

5. Approval of minutes of the August 18, 2010 Board meeting

Deferred until next meeting as Gunnlaugsson was not present at the previous meeting so could not vote on minutes and other Chenequa representative was absent.

6. Discussion and action on 2011 LCFR Budget

Opening remarks by Stotts and Edwards were to review changes made to the Budget since last meeting. They explained they had opportunities to speak with Board and municipal leaders and felt they had revised the Budget accordingly. Questions regarding the items included in the Capital Budget included the lifespan of the items and appropriateness of where the expense should be documented. Lartz asked for an explanation regarding the significant rise in employee benefits including the work comp costs. It was explained that payroll and employee benefits were paid both by the City of Delafield and Lake Country Fire & Rescue, therefore several budget areas should be evaluated. Increases in the expenses for 2011 were due to the additional employee and the wage parity adjustments proposed. Other questions included the projected revenue from ambulance billing. Edwards reminded the Board that we were dealing with a lag in revenue and collections and issues with our current billing service.

Motion was made by MacDougall to approve the LCFR Budget for 2011 as amended, seconded by Gunnlaugsson. Also voting in favor was Stotts and voting against was Krickhahn and Urbanek. Motion was denied because majority requires four positive votes, one from each community. Request to go into closed session at next budget workshop to discuss wages. Next

meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday, August 30, 2010, location to be determined. Gunnlaugsson excused himself from the meeting at 6:21pm.

Further discussion continued. Urbanchek inquired about employee tuition reimbursement and if there were required guidelines for the employee's choice of classes. Edwards stated he had the ultimate approval for all tuition reimbursement and classes had to be job related, taken from an accredited institution, tuition could not exceed the tuition of UW Classes and completion of the class with a grade of "C" or better for undergraduate classes and a "B" or better for graduate classes. Other questions included the projected revenue from ambulance billing. Edwards reminded the Board that we were dealing with a lag in revenue and collections and issues with our current billing service.

7. Date of next meeting

Monday, August 30, 2010 at 6pm. Location to be determined.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:22pm was made by MacDougall, second by Krickhahn. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Rosch, Secretary/Treasurer