



Lake Country Fire & Rescue – **Fire Board Meeting**
Chenequa – Delafield – Nashotah
Fire Station #1
115 Main Street, Delafield
Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 6 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Meeting Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Stotts at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Present were President Stotts, Deputy Chief Fennig, Wilkey, Bellin, MacDougall, Krickhahn, Urbanchek, Cabanatuan. Excused: Chief Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer Rosch

3. Public Comments

Thank you note received from Christ the King Youth and Family organization for participation in the mud volleyball event.

4. Communication

Jeff Krickhahn discussed his recent town hall meeting on seriousness of heroin issue in Lake Country area. He mentioned awareness thru involvement with the PD and FD program presentation attended by 35 people. Experiences shared in the hope to spark other organizations will do their own awareness programs including school boards and scouting groups. Data currently shows more deaths from Heroin use than motor vehicle accidents. Victims typically have been in their late teens to early 20's. It starts with prescriptions drug use leading to dependence and on to heroin, which is less expensive. Waukesha County Outreach program currently hands out Narcan. Discussion on effects of marijuana as a catalyst for continuing on to other drugs. The program was a great collaboration between the library, PD, FD and DA. Deputy Chief Fennig explained the other methods used by the department and their potential effects for treatment of patients.

5. Approval of June 2014 Minutes

Motion was made by Urbanchek to approve the Minutes from June 19, 2014 as written and second by Bellin. Motion carried. Abstain – Wilkey who was not in attendance.

6. Treasurer's Report by President Stotts

Stotts initiated discussion on financials. Some 2% Dues monies have been received. Intercepts are down. Payroll is tracking to be about \$44,000 over for the year. Stotts projected department will be below revenue and over on expense budget. Question was raised on delayed billing and if it starts in July. Will confirm with Rosch. There is a significant drop in ambulance transports. At mid-year the department is \$74,000 off last year's billing and \$18,000 below on revenue. There is concern for year end numbers. Stotts discussed 2015 budget process and that the first priority is the Board will need to be in agreement on revenue numbers. The second priority is the expense portion. He stated that each category will need to be justified. He discussed the possibility of considering a 'Zero' based budget. Station 2 is not staffed but it will be added to the budget. MacDougall wanted to list and identify our services provided, what was decided when consolidation took place resulting in the cost savings of \$100,000. MacDougall would like this presented to each community. He also stated that Obamacare has pushed costs to individuals vs. carriers and exchanges will pay lower rates. He feels that companies are going to drop coverage for their employees. Stotts stated he has run scenarios/trends and has come to the conclusion that over time, as these payment changes occur, each community will have to add more

funding. Bellin would like to show costs per person and costs after the consolidation. Krickhahn stated that based on projected revenues, staffing may have to change. Stotts said staffing needs are already changing.

A motion was made by Urbanchek to approve checks over \$1,500 for signature, second by Wilkey. All ayes, motion carried. Fennig mentioned radio purchase at approximately \$180,000, programming, installation and accessories. He mentioned WCC charges and the increase were negotiated lowering the cost.

7. Chief's Report by Deputy Chief Fennig

Fennig reviewed call volume and commented on reasons for fluctuation and discussion on interpretation of the comparison chart. Discussion turned to deciding to go 'Zero' based budget and identify services provided and challenging each item. How can we efficiently staff for services we provide? Fennig discussed items cut to make budget last year such as turnout gear and technology updates. He stated it will have to be put back into the budget. In addition, vehicles will have to be reviewed for their age and potential repairs or replacement. If there is a staffing shortage and calls have to be given to mutual aid agencies when those calls can't be handled, this represents loss of revenue. Last Month two calls were turned over to mutual aid partners.

Fennig discussed recent storm damage responses and use of lap-tops to respond to calls versus the dispatch center backlog. Responses were started by priority. Concerning staffing, Jeff Granke will be leaving the department on the 29th and going to Sheboygan full time. The EMT Center for training is going well.

Concerning vehicles, 4571 is getting pressure regulator repairs at Peterbilt. Preventative maintenance repairs will need to be added to the budget. On 4561 there is \$2,000 repair for springs needed; discussed the possibility of taking care of this in 2014. He also stated that pump packing needs to be budgeted. There are also muffler repairs to be completed at Lake Country Tire at a reasonable cost. Compressor and rescue tool maintenance is complete. He stated that our extrication tool cannot cut steel on newer model cars.

Genesee Bridge Work – MacDougall indicated that the bridge will be replaced next year and potentially the whole bridge will be taken out; traffic will be diverted and affect response times. Staffing changes will need to be planned for appropriate responses to eliminate or reduce delays. The question was raised as to whether it is planned for 2015 or 2016?

Urbanchek asked about Jason Sharp who is no longer residing at station 2.

9. Upcoming meetings

Confirmation of upcoming meeting dates was reviewed.

August Board Meeting Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 6pm at Station #1

Budget Workshops Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 6pm at Station #1

Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 6pm at Station #1

Thursday, August 21, 2014 to follow the Board Meeting if needed

Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 6pm at Station #1 if needed

Annual Joint Meeting/Board Meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2014 at 6pm at Station #1. Krickhahn stressed that other Board members need to remind community members to attend this meeting.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Krickhahn was made at 7:16 pm and second by Wilkey. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Cabanatuan