



Lake Country Fire & Rescue – **Fire Board**
Chenequa – Delafield – Nashotah
Fire Station #1
115 Main Street
Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 6:00 PM

BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES

1. **Meeting call to order with the Pledge of Allegiance**

The meeting was called to order by President Bellin at 6:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call**

Present was President Bob Bellin, Vice-President Theresa Urbanchek, Jeff Krickhahn, Martin Gallun, Matt Grimmer, Rob Bennett, Fire chief Kevin Keith and Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Rosch.

3. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

4. **Review, discussion on the proposed 2019 Operating and Capital Budget**

2019 Proposed operating budget was reviewed in detail by chief Keith and with discussion throughout presentation. A continued trend in increased call volume, almost 20% increase seen in the first 7 months of 2018 both EMS and Fire related calls. Chief explained this increase requires additional medical supplies and staffing and can account for a great deal of the expense increase. Additional summer shift hours were added in an attempt to assist in the staffing needs over the busy summer months. The Full-time addition to our staff is also reflected in our budget expenses.

There was discussion on the training of staff through the use of the Training Center. Chief explained that in order to continue to train our staff, lead staff need to have the opportunity to attend outside training to bring back new ideas, techniques and knowledge of trends in the EMS and Fire Service. He has added additional resources to his training budget to enable this. Chief feels it is an area we have not been able to do and feels it is very important in keeping our staff current if not ahead. The benefits are seen in patient care and staff safety. Capital budget discussions focused on the need to replace the 2011 International Ambulance earlier than expected. Chief explained the need and the benefits in replacing it earlier than expected. Other equipment was reviewed and discussion on the Alerting System for the station. This will take our current analog system digital and increase response time.

Bellin asked if there was any need to return on August 16th to review the budget further. The Board members agreed to meet on Thursday, August 30, 2018 for any follow-up discussion at the Board meeting.

5. **Confirmation/scheduling of upcoming meetings**

- a. Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 30, 2018 at Station #1 in Delafield at 6PM

6. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Urbanchek and second by Krickhahn to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. All ayes, motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Rosch, Secretary/Treasurer