

**JOINT MEETING OF THE
WALES / GENESEE JOINT FIRE BOARD
TOWN OF GENESEE
VILLAGE OF WALES
SEPTEMBER 29, 2011**

President John Reinbold called the meeting to order at 7:00P.M. Public meeting notice was verified. Agenda was faxed to the Index, Waukesha Freeman, and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and was posted at the Village of Wales and the Town of Genesee.

ROLL CALL

Sheet attached.

2012 BUDGET

The proposed 2012 budget is \$530,804.01. This is \$12,251.99 down from last year's budget.

Office wages (51125) will be changed from now on, Truck Lt. will be paid out of the paid on call (51380). The Truck Lt. will sign in when they come in to check out the trucks same procedure as the paid on call.

Revenues are down from last year. There have been fewer transports. 253 calls last year at this time, 216 calls this year. It was suggested to change the revenue for ambulance billing (46235) to \$100,000.00. Last 3 years received around that amount. 48% of people that are transported do not have insurance. Discussion regarding using the previous year actual revenue amount from ambulance billing for the next year's budget. A survey was done and most of the surrounding area fire department's revenue is done this way. Discussion if the fire department should be charging for stand by at football games. Discussion if the fire department should be charging for fire calls. Some members were concerned that if they start charging for fire calls, people may not call if they have a fire.

If the Fire Board needs money it should be taken out of the reserve savings account before they ask the municipalities for any. Approximately \$45,000.00 in this account. If there is any money left over in the budget for the year that should be deposited into the reserve savings account.

Interim Chief Jim Moon has applied for a grant in the amount of \$91,600.00 for turn out gear (account 54341). If this grant is received there will be a 5% match. If the grant is not received the department will not purchase as many turn out gears. The oldest gear was purchased in 1997. Half of the gear is 10 years old.

In (account 51129) Firefighter/EMT the goal is to have two people at the station from 6:00a.m.-6:00p.m. 17% of the calls are early in the morning. Right now Tony works from 6:00a.m.-2:30p.m. and the chief works 9:30a.m.-6:00p.m. Also if someone else needs to fill in the times that person will be cleaning the station and doing maintenance for the vehicles.

The municipalities suggested to the Fire Board that the two full time employees should be paying part of there health insurance. The money should be taken out of the reserve account to increase the employee's salary, so they will pay for a portion of the insurance for next year.

The Fire Board will discuss this at the next meeting.

The municipalities suggested that the sick days for the Fire Chief should be changed to 30 or 45 days that he can accrue. The Fire Board should check and see if the disability insurance could be changed to short term.

Discussion regarding replacement plan for vehicles. The projection is to follow the 20 year plan. Vehicle 3763 is scheduled to be replaced in the year 2016.

Discussion on the new radios that will be purchased in 2013 for approximately \$250,000.00-\$300,000.00. The county may loan the municipality's money interest fee for the radios.

Next year the municipalities would like on the budget spreadsheet fixed versus variable expenses for the future. Also do a column for the projection of expenses for the year end.

Municipalities will take and discuss the budget at there meetings. Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Submitted by:

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Secretary/Treasurer