

A JOINT MEETING OF THE WALES VILLAGE BOARD, THE GENESEE TOWN BOARD AND THE WALES/GENESEE JOINT FIRE BOARD – HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2016, AT THE WALES/GENESEE FIRE DEPARTMENT, 600 S. WALES ROAD

The Joint Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Carl Millard president for the Joint Fire Board, Sharon Leair for the Town of Genesee and by Jeffery Flaws for the Village of Wales.

Members Present for the Joint Fire Board: Carl Millard, Irene Ridgeman, Dave Kilpatrick and Brian Runde. Absent was Tom Hardin and Jerry Kluessendorf.

Members Present for the Town of Genesee: Sharon Leair, Jeff Schmittinger, Jim Morris, Charlie Ross, Buck Houston and Jeff Herrmann.

Members Present for the Village of Wales: Jeffery Flaws, Eugene Mayernick, John Meyer, Wolfgang Henschik, Neal Wiebelhaus and John Reinbold. Absent was Risa Kuhlman.

Also present: Barb Whitmore, Meri Majeski, Jerry Orlowski, Judy Runde and Chief Jim Moon.

Judy Runde noted that proper notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the open meeting laws of the State of Wisconsin.

2017 BUDGET

The Wales Genesee Joint Fire Board presented the municipalities with a budget of \$709,125.00.

The 2017 was built with a zero-percent increase in municipality sourced funding. Revenues have an increase of 1.4% from 2016 in the Life Quest account. Expenses- all wages have an increase of 3%. New software will be purchased in 2017 for the recording of the ambulance runs data. Initial startup cost could be approximately \$10,000.00 with annual cost of \$3000.00. A question was brought up regarding the workers comp insurance decreasing but the wages are increasing. The Municipalities would like the Fire Board to check with their insurance carrier to make sure they have coverage on fire equipment when it is away from the station. This type of coverage is called Inland Marine. Discussion regarding the immunization line item. In 2015 only spent \$383.00 but budgeted \$1500.00. Chief Moon stated that last year only 8 members received flu shots, but this year already 19 members have received the shots. There was a new policy developed in 2016 for the paid on call members. The municipalities would like a copy of that policy. It was suggested that the budgeted line items be closer in amounts to the actual that was spent in the previous years.

The Fire Board has a surplus in their savings account. A portion of the surplus will be used for the future programming of the radio's. The amount will be approximately \$50,000.00. Also some of the funds will be used to help fund the purchase of the new ambulance. Both municipalities agreed that after an audit is done for the Fire Board any amount of money in excess of 15% should be given back to the municipalities each year.

The municipalities would like to see all items as a budget item instead of a capital expense item.

On revenue side of budget have a line item for transfer from savings for any expenses that are not budgeted items.

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Discussion regarding some new purchases for 2017 will be a new ambulance approximately \$250,000.00 New security system for the fire station approximately \$12,000.00. Also an exhaust system approximately \$22,000.00. In a couple of months, the fire department should have the specs for the new ambulance.

The Fire Board will work on the budget to revise some of the line items with the ending budget amount to be \$709,125.00. The municipalities will approve the budget at each of their individual meetings.

The Fireboard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59p.m. Irene Ridgeman made the motion and Brian Runde seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The Town of Genesee made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59p.m. Jeff Schmittinger made the motion and Charlie Ross seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

The Village of Wales made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59p.m. Gene Mayernick made a motion and Wolfgang Henschik second the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Judy Runde
Secretary/Treasurer
Wales Genesee Joint Fire Board.