

JOINT FIRE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, August 15, 2019 – 6:00 PM
EGG HARBOR TOWN HALL – COUNTY I, CARLSVILLE

1. Call meeting to order.

Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Bill Edwards, Ulla Walser, Rick Malkemus, Deborah Wiegand, Chief Steve Schopf and Lynn Ohnesorge. Clarence Scherer and William Miller were absent. Also in attendance was Andy Staats.

2. Adopt agenda.

Walser moved to adopt the agenda, second by Wiegand, motion carried.

3. Open session – Ten minutes.

- Wiegand stated that the accident that was in Baileys Harbor MABAS was used. It went like clockwork. Everyone did a good job. It was coordinated well.
- Edwards stated that the first responders did a wonderful job helping Judy Edwards with her accident.

4. Review and approve minutes of July 18, 2019 meeting.

Wiegand moved to approve the minutes from July 18, 2019 with corrections, second by Walser, motion carried.

5. Fire Chief / First Responder report.

- 12 Fire calls for July
 - ✓ A smoke detector on Church Street had dead batteries.
 - ✓ Accidentally pulled the alarm station on Eames Farm Lane.
 - ✓ A false alarm with a smoke detector on Church Street.
 - ✓ Fireworks going off alongside Oak Road.
 - ✓ Dispatched to Hwy. 42 and cancelled en route.
 - ✓ A Bad wind storm and trees down on roads.
 - ✓ Grass fire on Alpine Road.
 - ✓ A water craft rescue off of White Cliff Road, turned out to be a false alarm.
 - ✓ Cleaning people accidentally set off alarm on Bayshore Drive.
 - ✓ Dispatched to Bayshore Drive and cancelled en route.
 - ✓ A vehicle accident involving four or five people injured on Hwy. 42 and Rainbow Ridge Road.
 - ✓ Dispatched to Eastshore Drive and cancelled en route.
- There were 20 first responder calls in July.
- The Fire Association has ordered the Tahoe truck.
- The Fire Association will be sending out fund raising letters soon.
- The Fire Association will sponsor up to six members for extricating training. This is an advanced class.
- The County privatization of EMR is back in meetings. Chief Schopf urged everyone to talk to their County representatives and let them know their opinions on this.
- AMR is the largest EMR service in the nation. Chief Schopf stated that the County Administrator is pushing to privatize the EMR service in the county.

- The Fire Chiefs are having a meeting on the EMR service. They will invite the County Administrator and the press to this meeting.
- Brown County's EMR services are split up with different services.
- AMR said they wouldn't take Door County's EMR service over completely but would consider doing a joint venture.
- There is no paperwork turning the EMR service over to the County. This was about 40 – 50 years ago.
- Malkemus asked how it would work if the municipalities had to provide the EMR service instead of the County.
- Chief Schopf stated that we would need to create a fire district and have fire medics. The northern part of the county would be one district. This would create full time fire fighters.
- AMR is a private company working at a profit.
- If it is a district it is run at cost.
- Replaced fuel tank on rescue #24. The tank fell off when it was being driven, so this repair turned into a heavy lifting training. The cost was \$1,015.
- The fire inspector doesn't think she will be able to get the inspections done this year. If we hire someone to do the inspections it will cost \$3,735. We need to get them done. We could lose our 2% dues if the inspections are not done. The fire inspections are done for all the businesses twice per year. Chief Schopf would like to budget this for next year. This takes a lot of time and isn't working the way it is.

6. Preliminary 2020 department budget discussion.

- Krauel is putting together a worksheet for the budget.
- We had an office expense that was high because we outfitted this office.
- By the next officers meeting Chief Schopf will have a rough budget.
- Chief Schopf will have a budget for the September Joint Fire Commission meeting.

7. Approval of bills for month.

- Bills for the month totaled \$1,144.06.
Malkemus moved to approve the bills for the month, second by Walser, motion carried.

8. CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION PER STATE STATUTES 19.85(1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governing body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Fire Chief Performance Evaluation.)

Edward moved to convene into closed session per state statutes 19.85(1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governing body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, second by Wiegand; roll call vote was taken, Bill Edwards – aye, Ulla Walser – aye, Deborah Wiegand – aye, Rick Malkemus – aye, Clarence Scherer – absent and William Miller – absent; motion carried.

9. Convene into open session to take formal action upon the preceding subject of the closed session, if appropriate.

Malkemus moved to convene in to open session to take formal action upon the preceding subject of the closed session, second by Wiegand ; roll call vote was taken, Bill Edwards – aye, Ulla Walser – aye, Rick Malkemus – aye, Deborah Wiegand – aye, Clarence Scherer – absent and William Miller – absent; motion carried.

- During the regularly scheduled fire commission meeting on August 15, 2019 Chief Steve Schopf tendered his resignation as Fire Chief. Edwards will send an E-mail to John Heller and Paul Peterson regarding this resignation.

10. Set time, location and agenda items for next meeting.

The next meeting will be September 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bertschinger Center.

11. Adjourn

The meeting ended.

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Lynn Ohnesorge
Village of Egg Harbor
Clerk-Treasurer*