

**Joint Village and Town of Egg Harbor Board**

**Meeting Minutes**

**May 25, 2022, 6:00 P.M.**

**This meeting will be conducted IN PERSON**

**at the Donald & Carol Kress Pavilion Great Hall 7845 Church Street Egg Harbor, WI 54209**

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**Call in Number: 312 626 6799      Meeting ID: 894 4784 0988**

**1. Call meeting to order and roll call**

Heller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance were John Heller, Lisa Van Laanen, Angela Lensch, Paul Peterson, Dale Wiegand, Elizabeth Gauger, Myles Dannhausen, Steve Schopf, Pam Krauel, Justin MacDonald, Megan Sawyer, and Pauline Peterson. Absent were Ken Mathys and Cambria Mueller.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Heller moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Schopf, motion carried.

**3. Open session**

No comments.

**4. Approval of October 6, 2021 Joint Board Meeting Minutes**

Wiegand asked that the Fire Chief's name be corrected from McDonald to MacDonald throughout the minutes documents.

**Heller moved to approve the October 6, 2021 Joint Board Meeting Minutes as corrected, second by Van Laanen, motion carried.**

**5. Reports:**

**A. Cemetery and Ball Field Committee**

The committee met Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to discuss hiring a lawn cutting service and to approve the upgrades to the little league ball field by the fire station. Wiegand reported that Just Chad lawn service was hired for \$200/cut. A donation was received to redo the base lines with new clay. This was completed with a lot of volunteer time by Mike Parent and others. Egg Harbor Men's Club was the donor for this project. Wiegand report that the field looks really good. MacDonald cut the field and Wiegand did a lot of brushing along the fence line.

Wiegand reported that there were two urn burials at the cemetery. There is a \$150 charge for urn burials. Wiegand received another request for an urn burial this week. So far, five headstones have been straightened in the old section. Wiegand reported that there are some stones that are in need of repair, which he is hoping to have completed by the end of summer. The big maple tree was cut as the tree was rotten on the inside. The tree was over 200 years old. None of the wood was good so it was hauled away. Someone did mention that they would pay to have the stump gridded out and plant a new tree. However, Wiegand reported that from the research he has done it is not a good idea to plant a tree where another tree has been unless all of the roots have been removed.

Wiegand reported that the cemetery committee is working on developing a set of rules of the cemetery. Van Laanen has pulled some rules from other cemeteries. Wiegand reported that there will likely be another meeting in July to finalize the rules.

Van Laanen said the committee also discussed maybe getting the cemetery online. Gauger said there is a way to look up graves online, the committee will need to do some more research on how this can be done for the Egg Harbor Cemetery.

Wiegand reported that he got a call from an archaeologist who works for the state, who is looking into the effects of the STH 42 project on the cemetery. Wiegand will be providing this information to the archaeologist.

## **B. Fire Department**

### **a. Apparatus/Equipment replacement**

MacDonald reported that he started the replacement listing three or four years ago and some items have been added since then. MacDonald said that none of the dates are completely set in stone. The department has begun the process of looking at the replacement of the 2002 Pierce Saver, which is Engine 206. The Fire Commission asked about the possibility of refurbishing this truck. MacDonald said he did find some information on this from a few years ago, which indicated the cost would be approximately \$200,000. MacDonald said the purpose of sharing this document was to give the Joint Boards an idea of the future capital purchases for the fire department.

MacDonald pointed out that again the dates are not set in stone, as it may not be feasible for the purchases to occur as indicated. MacDonald said some of the existing equipment was purchased through the Fire Association, so this could be an avenue for replacement of certain items.

MacDonald reported that the replacement costs provided are a least a year old if not more, so they costs will likely increase.

Schopf pointed out that a replacement cost was not listed for the SCBA equipment, and this looks like it is the first item that needs to be replaced. MacDonald said that he will be looking into some grants for this item. MacDonald said these wouldn't necessarily need to be replaced in 2024, but have been identified as a need that is coming up. Schopf asked how they have been holding up as of now, and MacDonald reported that they are holding up very well.

Heller asked about the grant that was submitted to the DNR. Wiegand said that grant was originally due in April, but was extended out to June 15<sup>th</sup>. Wiegand said that we should be receiving a grant for \$5,500.

MacDonald reported that the Association upgraded the departments gas detectors. The knox boxes are a work in progress.

Krauel confirmed that the Association has agreed to cover half of the total costs associated with the DNR grant.

**b. Discuss wage increase for 2023**

MacDonald said he is putting this on the Joint Boards radar for the next meeting, which will be the consideration of the budget. MacDonald said that after doing some research, the last raise that the department received was in 2014. MacDonald said he conducts a wage study about every year comparing departments in the County, from Egg Harbor north excluding Washington Island and Jacksonport, the wage is \$23/hr. for fire calls. Right now, the wage is \$21.50/hr. The Chief's salary is \$10,000/ year which has held pretty steady. MacDonald said the department needs to be more competitive if we are asking people to take time off of work to respond to calls. MacDonald is bringing this up as some food for thought as we move closer to the budget. The officers will be working on a proposal. Heller confirmed that this information will be prepared to be presented at the next meeting, and MacDonald said it will be ready.

**9. Schedule Future Meeting**

The next joint meeting was scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

**10. Adjourn**

Schopf moved to adjourn, second by Van Laanen, all ayes, motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted by,  
Megan Sawyer, Village Administrator*