

Egg Harbor Joint Fire Commission Meeting
Thursday, October 21, 2021- 6:00 PM
Bertschinger Center, 7860 State Hwy. 42
Egg Harbor, WI

James Petersen, President
Pat Gilday, Commissioner
Mack Bonk, Commissioner

Jeremy Schopf, Vice President
Clarence Scherer, Secretary
Bill Edwards, Commissioner

1. Call to Order

Petersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: Jim Petersen, Pat Gilday, Mack Bonk, Jeremy Schopf and Bill Edwards

Commissioners absent: Clarence Scherer

Staff Present: Chief Andy Staats, Crew Chief Ashley Staats and Lynn Ohnesorge

Municipal representatives present: Cambria Mueller and Steve Schopf

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Bonk moved to move closed session and convene into open session AFTER correspondence, second by Schopf, motion carried.

4. Review and Approve Minutes from September 15, 2021

Petersen moved to approve the minutes from September 15, 2021, with corrections, second by Bonk, motion carried.

5. Open Session - 10 Minutes

Cindy Wolfe: She resides in Egg Harbor. She would like to speak about an incident that took place on her property on Sunday, October 10, 2021. It was a situation where she had to call 911 because her son was not breathing and unresponsive. Within a matter of minutes, the Kiehnaus, who are her neighbors came to their aid, fortunately. The Door County first responder and ambulance came. It took quite a bit of time for them to come. Had Dan, April and Dustin not shown up she doesn't know what the circumstance would have been. Once the other first responders showed up, nobody ever came to speak to her except the Kiehnaus. Ashley stormed into her son's room and was yelling at him. Her son is a quadriplegic due to an accident in February. He has very bad anxiety. He at one point told her, don't yell at me I am paralyzed but I am not deaf. The first responders that came in after the initial first responders spoke to them as to what was going on. So much could have been avoided. There was time wasted. It was just a cluster. You also wanted to take her son out of the home in a hooyer lift. Anyone that knows anything about a quadriplegic knows you don't scoot somebody down a ramp on a hooyer lift. Had there been communication amongst the first responders that could have all been known and avoided. There was so much time wasted. When they finally did get her son outside to the ambulance, she was standing outside speaking with Ashley, and she saw the Door County Sheriff pull in. She is pretty sure there was another Door County officer that came. And she asked her what was transpiring. Was this all for what was going on at her house. She said no that was a separate situation. Do to the fact of everything that was going on with her son she did not

have time to react to that. On Monday she called the Door County Sheriff's department. The fire chief was down with the Door County Sheriff. She found out that the fire chief called and wanted the Door County Sheriff there in case there was an altercation at her home amongst the first responders. To say she is disgusted is an understatement. Her son should have been your one and only priority. You need to keep your petty differences off her property. And to think you could have even had the thought that an altercation could take place on her property, you should be ashamed of yourself. Ashamed. Her son should have been the only concern of yours at that time. That needs to be taken care of here, not on her property. The Kiehnaus she wants to come to her home. There are within two minutes of her house, not someone who has to come from Carlsville. She will have to call 911 again for her son. She had to call 911 twice in a one-week period and her reality is she is going to have to do it again. Whatever differences you have amongst you; you guys need to figure that out amongst yourselves. Not on her property. That was so unprofessional and unnecessary, and she doesn't want it. She is afraid you are going to do it at someone else's house. Take care of it here. Your concern should be what the call is about not your personal differences.

6. Review of Bills from past month

- The bills for the month were \$2,238.38.

Petersen: what is a backup camera monitor?

Fire Chief Staats: All the vehicles have backup cameras for safety. There is a small camera on the rear of the apparatus and the tenders also have them on the side by the discharge. There is a monitor inside the cab. They had two of the monitor's go out.

Petersen: Are the monitors manufactured by some well-known name like Sony or are they some off brand?

Fire Chief Staats: They are all Safety Vision

Fire Chief Staats: Two additional charges for Red Diesel will be coming in.

7. Fire Chief Report

There were 9 fire calls in September

Petersen: Is the 611 coming from central dispatch?

Fire Chief Staats: that is how they enter this into the Firehouse System.

- Three of the calls were for mutual aid to Gibraltar.
- PM and DOT inspections are ongoing.
- Engine 6 failed high pressure pump test. The Fire Chief is working with Red Diesel to fix. The rest of the trucks did pass with a few notes for the aerial truck of rust on frame rails and monitor the hydraulic system.
- The DOT inspections for the tenders will be later in October or November. These will be done in Sturgeon Bay at S&R Truck.
- The hose testing has been completed on the hand lines.
- The Fire Chief signed a three-year contract for outsourcing the hose testing. They will have to supply personal to assist with the hose testing. This takes a lot of the liability off the fire department. It is always hard to get enough personnel together to test the hose.
- They held their regular monthly meetings.
- They had two days of hose testing.
- The Fire Chief attended the Joint Village and Town meeting for budget approval and presented equipment replacement schedule.
- They held their regular officer meeting.
- The officers for MABAS held a meeting.

- The Door County Fire Chiefs held a meeting.
- They held the end of year LOSA meeting. There are 26 members on the department. There are 23 members eligible for LOSA. 16 members qualifying for LOSA for fire and 6 members qualifying for fire & EMR. The LOSA year is from October 1 – September 30. The LOSA year included 77 fire calls within the jurisdiction and responding to 12 Mutual Aid or MABAS calls outside the jurisdiction for a total of 89 fire responses. EMS calls on the North end of the district was 101 and the South end was 56.

Petersen: What is the district, all of Door County?

Fire Chief Staats: The Town and the Village of Egg Harbor is the district. The jurisdiction is split in half between North and South. The dividing line is Plum Bottom Road.

- The numbers for the year are up from previous years by 12 calls.

Petersen: Was the three-year contract you mentioned signing for the hose testing?

Fire Chief Staats: Correct.

Petersen: Were you able to negotiate a better price for three years?

Fire Chief Staats: The price is very similar to the labor cost of doing the hose testing in house. The total cost to test all the hose will be around \$4,000. This includes it being repacked onto the apparatus. The company the Chief signed the contract with is Fire Cat. They usually come up in the fall and do other departments in Northern Door County. The fire departments split the cost for travel and hotel fees. There is no negotiating with the cost. They charge by the foot. There aren't many companies that do this kind of work. They used a different company years ago and that company was bought out. Fire Cat is a reputable company and the other departments have been satisfied with them. Where the cost break comes in is sharing the travel cost with other fire departments.

Petersen: Is there any other company that does hose testing?

Fire Chief Staats: It is tough to find a reputable company. They thought they were dealing with a reputable company in the past and found out the hard way it wasn't.

8. EMR Chief Report

EMR Crew Chief Staats: There were EMR 21 calls for September.

- An EMR meeting was held with following a CO poisoning training. Steve Whiteman, a Door County Paramedic Captain did the training.

Steve Schopf: Did an EMR class start?

EMR Crew Chief Staats: An EMR class has started and finishes in November.

Gilday: How long is the EMR class?

EMR Crew Chief Staats: The class started in September and ends in November.

Gilday: Are there three people in the class?

EMR Crew Chief Staats: Correct.

Bonk: Did you get any word on printing the recruitment flyers.

Fire Chief Staats: He just saw the revised copy come back. They haven't been sent out yet.

Petersen: Who is doing the printing?

EMR Crew Chief Staats: They have not determined who will do the printing yet. They had talked about the Sunshine House but haven't made a final decision. They need to do a price comparison and decide what they need.

Petersen: What do you need? This has been going on since he has come on this board, and we still don't have anything. He thinks there are a lot of people slipping through the cracks, in his opinion.

EMR Crew Chief Staats: The officers need to decide what they need.

9. Correspondence

10. 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.

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 Bonk, roll call vote was taken; Jim Petersen-aye, Mack Bonk-aye, Pat Gilday-aye, Bill Edwards-aye, Jeremy Scherer-aye, Clarence Scherer-absent, motion carried.

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

Petersen moved to convene into open session, second by Bonk, roll call vote was taken; Petersen-aye, Mack Bonk-aye, Pat Gilday-aye, Bill Edwards-aye, Jeremy Schopf-aye, Clarence Scherer-absent, motion carried.

12. Open Session- 10 Minutes

Petersen moved to move forward in what was discussed in Closed Session, second by Bonk, motion carried.

13. Set Date, Time, Location and Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next monthly meeting is at the Bertschinger Center on Nov. 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
Schedule a meeting next week and have attorney present.

14. Adjourn

Edwards moved to adjourn at 9:06 p.m., second by Schopf, motion carried.

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