

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 17, 2015

The special Village Board Meeting of the Village of Hustisford was called to order @ 7:00PM by Village President **Dennis Uecker** at 201 South Lake Street, Hustisford WI, on Monday August 17, 2015 in accordance with the Notice of Meeting delivered to trustees on August 14, 2015.

Trustees Present: Bob Knueppel, Mike Grant, Mary Jensen, Josh Prescher, and Ted Engelbart

Trustees Absent: Harold Yates

Others Present: Kim Hopfinger, Dave Margelofsky, Lee Miller, Howard Zubke, Brian Frank, Pam Grant, Matt Pieper, Scott Fredrick, Glen Falkenthal and Jason Hundt.

President Dennis Uecker stated that the purpose of this meeting was to meet jointly with the Town of Hustisford Board and come to a consensus on the joint 2016 Fire Department budget.

There was discussion on the 2016 fire department proposed budget. The main topic of concern was the equipment replacement fund proposed numbers. The proposed budget included \$104,000 to be put in the equipment replacement fund in 2016. The projected equipment replacement fund showed a balance of \$587,989 by 2024. Members from both boards questioned the need for this amount to be in the account. Fire Chief Matt Pieper stated that after 2024 the department would need to buy a new engine, new gear and radios. Uecker stated that he worked up an option for the equipment replacement fund that was reduced by \$50,000 a year and would still get the department the equipment they needed. A copy of the spreadsheet showing the Fire Departments proposed equipment replacement fund totals and also the option prepared by Uecker reduced by \$50,000 a year is attached to these minutes.

Ted stated that the residents were lucky to have the fire department and thanked them for the service they provide. Ted also stated he respected that the Village had a tight budget to deal with. He felt that if all of the needs of the department could be met with the reduction in the replacement fund this could be an option.

Some board members questioned the need to always buy new vehicles and equipment when refurbishing might be an option. Pieper stated that there are strict standards they need to meet on equipment. Uecker stated that he would be contacting the NFPA regarding these standards and also would be doing some research as to how much surrounding communities budget for equipment and how they deal with the strict standards.

After more discussion, Mary Jensen made a motion, seconded by Josh Prescher to have the Village Fire Board Representative inform the Fire Board that the Village recommends reducing the 2016 overall Fire Department budget by \$50,000. The motion carried unanimously.

The Town board also made a motion. Lee Miller made a motion, seconded by Howard Zubke to have the Town Fire Board Representative inform the Fire Board that the Village recommends reducing the 2016 overall Fire Department budget by \$50,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Uecker stated that he was disappointed that the Fire board voted purchasing a new tanker straight though after Uecker had attended a Fire Board meeting stating he would like to have a committee to research whether a new tanker was needed or not before a purchase was made. Uecker also stated that he is looking into how the original by laws of the Fire Board were set up and to see if it is correct to have the Fire Chief as a voting member of the board.

With no further business before the board, Josh made a motion, seconded by Bob, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.