

Minutes of Fire Contract Meeting
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Village of Suring, Towns of Bagley, Breed, How, Maple Valley & Spruce
Suring Fire Station - 210 N. Heasley Street

1. Meeting called to order by Chief Zahn at 7:00 PM.
Attendance: Mark Zahn, Fire Chief
Kim Gruetzmacher, Clerk-Treasurer Village of Suring
Les Steffeck, Village of Suring
Ken Holmes, Town of How
Mike Beyer, Town of Maple Valley
Randy Halverson, Town of Maple Valley
Absent: Representation from Town of Breed, Town of Bagley and Town of Spruce
2. Clerk verified that Open Meeting Notices were posted.
3. Presentation of 2027-2029 Fire Department Budget along with calculation of contract prices based on 2023 equalized valuations and reviewed previous year department activity. Budget included an 8% increase from the prior contract period. All Town contracts increased the same percentage.
4. Questions & Answers concerning budget & contract – Information was provided regarding regulations, testing of equipment, annual physicals for all members that are required for compliance. Chief Zahn stated that the department is very thankful to our community for all the additional donations that are given to assist the department. Explanation was given regarding 2% fire insurance dues program and how the money is allocated. Also explained that 2% fire insurance dues are only eligible to be utilized for fire protection equipment, fire inspection, public education, fire fighter training and pension funds. Contracts were furnished to Town Clerks in original meeting notice. These contracts should be acted on at the Town October & November board meetings.
5. Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM

Minutes prepared by Clerk-Treasurer, Kim Gruetzmacher