

**Minutes of Fire Contract Meeting**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023 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  
Jim Kohlwey, Village of Suring  
Pat Sleeter, Town of Bagley  
Bill Bartz, Town of How  
Absent: Representation from Town of Breed, Town of Maple Valley and Town of Spruce
2. Clerk verified that Open Meeting Notices were posted.
3. Presentation of 2024-2026 Fire Department Budget along with calculation of contract prices based on 2023 equalized valuations and 2022 Fire Department Activity Listing were presented to all in attendance. Budget included a 5% increase from the prior contract period, and an increase to provide department with the option to participate in the Length of Service retirement program through the State of Wisconsin for first responders.
4. Questions & Answers concerning budget & contract – Information was provided regarding new dry hydrants placed within the last year, three wildfires in past year, Length of Service program explanation, and nine new members within the department in the past couple years. Contracts were furnished to Town Chairmen and Clerks in original meeting notice. These contract should be acted on at their October & November board meetings.
5. Motion to adjourn made by Kohlwey and second by Bartz. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM

Minutes prepared by Clerk-Treasurer, Kim Gruetzmacher