

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall

Roll call: Tim Witzmann, Wally Neumann, Rita Lawson, Travis Belisle, Jason Crotty, Dave Wollner, Aaron Morrison.

Tim called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Dave moved, Wally seconded approval of the April 16, 2025 minutes. Approved.

Budget/Financial Report: The 2nd Qtr. 2025 report was deferred to the Joint meeting next week.

Membership Update: Travis reported there were seven probationary members who would be ready to be regular members at the end of the year. He noted that Aaron Morrison, the new Village member of the Commission at this meeting, was an applicant to become a Fire Department member. He added that this was the first time in many years that the department was not short of members.

Old Business: Review of 5-Year Plan for Next Equipment Purchase – Travis reported the department plans to replace the truck in 2028 as they are trying to replace it every 20 to 30 years. He noted that they are not sure what will be built in the community in the next years so there may be taller/bigger business and apartment buildings, like the Peterson building just built in the center of the village. Jason suggested, and it was agreed, to form a committee to educate people in the community what and why the department needed specific equipment because of bigger and taller buildings being built. It was agreed this committee could consist of 4 – 6 members with 2 from the Village Board and 2 from the Town Board.

Discussion on Available Grants – Travis reported that they have a hard time qualifying and are relying on the community, the tax base, to support purchasing new equipment, etc.

Update/Status of New Concrete Project by Fire Dept. Doors – Tim reported this had been delayed because of the many rains this spring and that it was now delayed till next year so it would be included in the Town's budget.

Station Bay Flooring – Travis noted the estimated cost was \$20,000 so they haven't done it and it's working for now.

New Village Fire/Rescue Commission Member – New member Aaron Morrison explained he had moved to the Village 1 ½ years ago.

New Town Fire/Rescue Commission Member – No new member at the meeting.

Update on Department Activities and Joint Meeting Agenda 7/23/25 @ Town Hall – Travis noted they had been updating the kitchen to meet their current needs. They have put in a new big sink to help with cleaning equipment and have a new frig.

New Business: Review and Selection of Fire Department Comprehensive Plan Request for Proposal – They have received 4 proposals, ranging from \$12,000 to \$50,000. Travis has reviewed all 4 and rated them. The \$50,000 rated the highest but they didn't want to spend that much. The \$12,000 proposal is from a fellow in Eau Claire but had a lower rating. They will review the proposals again in the next 30 days and prepare for the next Joint meeting so the cost can be included the Town and Village 2026 budget planning.

Camera Quote from CWS – The quote was for \$4,000 for 8 cameras inside and outside to see what people are doing inside and outside of the building, for safety purposes and to keep track of any stealing. This can be paid for with fundraising money.

Next Commission Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday, September 17, 7 p.m. (2026 Budget)

Motion by Dave, seconded by Wally to adjourn the meeting. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.