

TOWN OF LEMONWEIR
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
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A SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING, Town of Lemonweir, Juneau County, State of Wisconsin, was called to meet on June 4, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00p. m., by chairman, John Burch. Supervisors present were: Matthew Vaughan, Carl B. Miller and Guy Smith, Jr. Robert L. Smith did not attend. Carin Leach, Town Administrator was also present. The following notice regarding this meeting was published in the 5/30/24 issue of the Juneau County Star-Times and posted in the May 25, 2024, at the Town Hall, Walsh Grain Farms and Hamm Bros.:

Town of Lemonweir
Special Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 4, 2024
At 7:00 p.m. at the Lemonweir Town Hall

Notice is hereby given that a special town board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7 p.m. at the Lemonweir Town Hall (N3935 19th Ave). The town board will meet with the new Mauston city administrator and the new Mauston Fire Chief to discuss the fire department budget and any proposed changes. No other business will be discussed at this meeting.

Carin E. Leach, Town Administrator
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DISCUSSION WITH MAUSTON CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND MAUSTON FIRE DEPT CHIEF:

Daron Haugh introduced himself and noted he has worked for city for the last 5 years and took over as City Administrator in 2023. He has been slowly getting around to the townships and thanked the board for setting a special meeting to meet with him. Daron also introduced Brent Lenorud who is now the new Mauston Fire Chief.

The budgets for 2023 and 2024 were presented to the board with comparison detail and YTD information. In addition the Equipment Replacement Calculations spreadsheet as of May 2024 for 2025 was provided. John Burch asked about the numbers and replacement quotes planned and unplanned. The calculations used are based on experiences department heads and educated guesses along with the NFPA guidelines to prolong the use of equipment. The fire department has also received a couple generous financial gifts which are to be used at the discretion of the fire department.

The fire department has ordered a new tanker for rural areas—a whole truck this time—tandem axle, 3,000 gallons which is due to come January 2025. The cost is \$387,000.00.

Daron wants to look forward and move forward regarding the fire department issues. They have looked at the fire call billing system. It is not a perfect system. Carl Miller asked about why some calls have manpower and trucks and some don't; mutual aid potential charges and MAVIS (statewide system predetermined equipment needed), ambulance calls assists. The fire department only assists the ambulance on accidents as often times they arrive on the scene before the Sheriff gets there and they will help with traffic control. 911 is standardized.

The board asked if the city would reconsider how they bill for fire calls and do the billing themselves. Daron will consider billing options. The city uses the State Debt Collections or TRIP through the Dept of Revenue where driver's license and or social security numbers can be used.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Miller/Vaughan at 8:04p.m. All yes votes, motion carried.

APPROVED BY TOWN BOARD

ATTEST:


Carin E. Leach, Town Administrator