

Western Lakes Fire Board
Special Capital Budget Meeting
September 11, 2018

Call to Order

- George Morris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were, George Morris, Mike Sauer, Bill Riemenschneider, Jimi Hall and Mike Tompkins. Also, in attendance were Chief Brad Bowen and Administrative Assistant Michael Krug. Kent Lorenz and Jeff Roemer were excused. Municipal members present were:
 - **Village of Dousman**
 - Jack Nissen
 - Harold Dessart
 - **Village of Summit**
 - Jack Riley
 - Jim Petronovich
 - Richard “Curly” Wentland
 - Kraig Arenz Sr.
 - Sandy Casterline
 - Debra Michael
 - **Town of Ottawa**
 - Cheryl Rupp
 - Thomas Casper
 - Brad Graham

Proof of Notice

- Mike Krug announced that the notice was posted September 10th at 9:54 am

Pledge of Allegiance

- Jack Nissen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- George Morris opened the meeting to comments from the public, of which there was none.

Discussion – 5-year Capital Budget

- Chief Bowen apologized for needing to call for an earlier meeting, but we heard from Ford that the cost of the Ford Explore would be increasing. The increase was significant enough that we wanted to get the budget approved and the order placed before the price increase.
- Unfortunately, not all four municipalities could meet at the same time, so we are meeting today and again on September 13th.
- Chief Bowen distributed a copy of his PowerPoint presentation. It started with an overview of the services provided by the district. The cost per call decreased from \$691 in 2011 to an estimated \$495 in 2019. Call volume increased from 2,821 in 2011 to an anticipated 4,200 in 2018.
- Chief Bowen stated that we have decreased the amount of apparatus we have after the consolidation. We currently do not have any reserve engines. Currently we have an engine out of services, and it has been out of service for a few weeks as parts are no longer available and need to be manufactured. We are borrowing an engine from Okauchee fire for the Oconomowoc station.
- Chief Bowen went through each of the items in the 2019 capital budget explaining what was being replaced and why it needed to be replaced.

- One brush truck is being completely replaced and the second brush truck will have the pump replaced. Both will now have a high-pressure pump that could be used at a structure fire for an exterior attack and for grass/brush fires. In 2021 we will be looking to replace a third brush truck. Jim Petronovich asked if we had looked into getting a truck and trailer. Chief Bowen stated for grass fires, a tender (water hauler) would respond with the brush truck. The brush truck has 250 gallons of water with a water pump.
- We have a Duty Chief on duty 24 / 7. They have a Duty Chief Vehicle with them to respond to calls and to visit stations to meet with staff. The Duty Chief also handles personal problems. This will be replacing a 2007 pickup truck with a Ford Suburban.
- Each station has a Paramedic Response Vehicle. For EMS calls, we respond with an ambulance and a Paramedic in a separate vehicle. If the paramedic is needed to transport, they will go on the ambulance and an EMT will bring the vehicle back. If the paramedic is not needed, they will return and are available for other calls in the district or for paramedic intercepts. We are looking to replace a 2010 Ford Expedition with a Ford Police Interceptor.
- Chief Bowen and Assistant Chief Leidel have administrative vehicles to respond to calls from. This is to replace 2005 Ford Expedition with a Chevy Tahoe for the chief officer and to add a Police Intercept Vehicle for an Administrative Support Vehicle.
- Currently there is not a fire suppression system in the districts main network/computer room. The equipment in the room gets very warm. This year we are looking to install a fire suppression system.
- Each year, we replace seven sets of turnout gear as part of our operational budget. Turnout gear has a ten-year service life. Every three years we need to replace twenty sets to remain in compliance. (Due to the age of the turnout gear as a result of getting prior grants, twenty sets had to be purchased in 2018 and twenty in 2019. Moving forward the plan is to purchase twenty sets every three years.)
- In 2017, we were to do upgrades to our existing monitors, but received notice in 2017 that the upgrade option was no longer available. \$100,000 was budgeted for the upgrades. That money was allocated to be used for the replacements in 2019. The cost to replace the monitors will be \$250,000 so \$150,000 would be needed. Richard Wentlend suggested we send letters to our business asking for donations to pay for the monitors. Chief Bowen stated we recently solicited for donations and received \$25,000 for Rescue Task force equipment. Jack Riley said he has received concerns from residents asking why the fire district is asking for donations when they pay taxes.
- SCBA's provide air to our firefighters when IDLH (Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health) calls. Both Summit and Oconomowoc received grants about 12 years ago to replace all of their SCBA. That equipment (64 packs and spare bottles) now need to be replaced. We have a vendor that will offer a buy one get a free cylinder free, but that will expire shortly. We recently found that the district buying power may get a vendor to extend that pricing into spring of 2019. We could apply for a grant, but there is no guarantee to receive the grant. The conversation with the Summit and Ottawa Boards was that the Fire Board and Administration should evaluate the various options to decrease the cost of the purchase. These options include the AFG grant, taking advantage of year end pricing from manufacturers, or seeing if vendors will hold 2018 pricing through

2019. Knowing there is no guarantee with the AFG grant they supported the Fire Board evaluating all options and proceeding with the best option for the District.
- Chief Bowen completed the presentation with updates on capital items planned for the next four years. The vote tonight by the municipalities will be only on the 2019 capital plan. We present the 5-year plan, so the municipalities have an idea of what is coming in the future years.

Discussion/Action – 2019 SCBA Replacements

- Discussion on the SCBA was completed with the Capital presentation. No action was needed.

Discussion/Action – 2019 Capital Budget

- The details of the 2019 Capital Budget were presented with the 5-year capital discussion earlier. The Fire Board had already approved the budget in their previous meeting.
- The Village of Summit and the Town of Ottawa each voted to approve the 2019 Capital Budget as presented.

Discussion/Action – Existing Dousman Fire District debt and payments

- Chief Bowen distributed a report of the three existing loans taken by the former Dousman Fire District. One will expire in 2019, one in 2020 and the last in 2021.
- The Village of Summit and Town of Ottawa each voted to continue payments for the next year according to the documents presented.

Future Agenda Items and Meetings

- Capital Budget Meeting – September 13th
- Monthly Board Meeting – September 24th
- Operational Budget Joint Owners Meeting – September 26th Summit Village Hall

Adjournment

- A motion was made by Bill Riemenschneider and seconded by Mike Sauer at 8:25 pm to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried