

Western Lakes Fire Board

Joint Owners Meeting

September 8 2020

Call to Order

- George Morris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were George Morris, Jeff Roemer, Kent Lorenz, Bill Riemenschneider, Mike Tompkins, Lisa Mellone and Jimi Hall and Administrative Assistant Michael Krug.
- The meeting was held at the Oconomowoc Arts Center.
- Each of the municipalities called their meetings to order.

Proof of Notice

- Mike Krug announced that the district notice was posted September 1st to the district web site, newspapers and at all 6 stations.

Pledge of Allegiance

- Each of the municipal heads led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made by Oconomowoc and seconded by Summit to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Presentation – Life Saving Awards

- Chief Bowen stated that a Live Saving award is given to the crew that responds to a call for a pulseless / non-breathing patient, where after our care, the patient was revived, transported and was able to leave the hospital. Four awards were given.

Presentation – District Operation

- Chief Bowen went through a PowerPoint presentation on events over the past six months.

Discussion / Action – 2021 Operational Budget

- Chief Bowen explained that multiple versions of the 2021 operational budget were created and that the one being presented is what the Fire Board recommends to help with our staffing shortages. Chief Bowen went through the budget, which includes converting part-time positions with nine full-time positions. We are not eliminating part-time employees, but are using full-time positions to fill open part-time shifts on our schedule with full-time employees. In addition, we will be hiring one full-time HR manager to assist with the HR duties and to replace Mike Krug, who will be retiring at the end of the year.
- At 8:10 pm, each of the municipal boards broke off to discuss the budget. At 8:30 pm, the group reconvened.
- President Morris asked each of the municipal heads for a report of what occurred in the municipal meetings.
 - The City of Oconomowoc approved the 2021 Operational Budget as presented.
 - The Village of Summit, Village of Dousman and town of Ottawa will act at their next board meeting.

Discussion / Action – 2021 Capital Budget

- Chief Bowen stated that each of the municipalities already approved the 2021 Capital Budget, but the group did not vote on the budget.

- A motion was made by Dousman and seconded by Oconomowoc to approve the 2021 Capital Budget. Motion carried.

Presentation / Discussion – Emergency Management

- Chief Bowen proposed that all of our municipal owners and contract partners work to create one Emergency Management plan. The group gave direction for Chief Bowen to proceed with that plan.

Presentation / Discussion – Fire Code Ordinance

- Chief Bowen stated that each municipality currently has their own Fire Code Ordinance. He is recommending having a common Ordinance with an appendix for anomalies for each municipality. The group gave direction for Chief Bowen to proceed with that plan

Adjournment

- At 8:50 pm, a motion was made by Dousman and seconded by Oconomowoc to adjourn. Motion carried
- The spring owners meeting will be Wednesday May 5th, 2021 at 6:30 pm.