

## Emergency Services Committee Meeting on August 8, 2017

Called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Craig. Turned meeting over to Todd.

Input from the Baldwin Township tour: showed pictures of the entire building.

Chief complained about moving vehicles around.

Lloyd said it might be good to have the Llodoors going off the side of the building to help with expansion. Plan for expansion.

Add a slide to the presentation of impressions of the departments we have visited. 9am visit on August 19<sup>th</sup> with Palmer Township. Meet at the town hall at 8:15 a.m.

Craig said that Troy Heck would be interested in space here; we should invite him to a meeting.

Pat talked about recruiting tips from Chain of Lakes.

Dick Raveling: summarize what he put together.  
Put his notes here.

Maureen = American Family: all the things that come into setting your rate for property insurance. For fire risk they quit using ISO rating and are going strictly by distance from fire department. Fire risk is a small part of your insurance.

Include a line in slide that rates may go up or down depending on your own particular experience. Collectively, it should be a wash. Check with your agent. Add, water supply is key for ISO rating.

Good ideas. See Todd's slide.

Maureen covered the Gold Cross report: quote the document.

Discussion about having emergency training. Nice to have if we can afford it. There may be people who live in the township who have skilled. Can't hit the ground running; work on the path toward it. Let Gold Cross be primary and Watab be support.

Always send a fire engine to every call so you can count it for grants.

Committee Recommendations:

Todd asked what members of the committee want to recommend to our people.  
He wants to craft a draft for the next committee meeting.

Dick Raveling: I am for it and have a separate budget for operation and startup.

Budget: Capital Outlay for Equipment, Building, Operation  
What will we need to spend to make it happen.

Check on tax base of Baldwin Township. Check with Brian Koester.

Ed wants a concrete building. Look long term.

Ask for spec book for Chain of Lakes building for budgeting purposes. Todd will contact the architect for Chain of Lakes.

\$115 square feet for concrete; \$100 per square foot for Chain of Lakes

Cove hydrant water source potential for the fire hall.

Jason: one of the biggest selling points to convey to the voters is to have a bar chart with the costs over a period of time compared to costs with Rice and Sauk Rapids which would hopefully balance out in ten years.

John Olson said to look at a four percent increase to be generous.

Lloyd stressed how we need stability by having their own.

Vote was unanimous to take it to the people. We need to have the numbers.

Meeting date: August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6  
:30 pm at town hall.

Palmer Tour: email Maureen if you can go. Lloyd said that we should check on getting a key reader on the door that the sheriff could use. Maureen suggested a punch code. Craig check with Troy Heck about their interest.

Adjournment at 9:10 p.m.