

**Minutes of Joint Meeting: Rice City Council & Watab Town Board
January 28, 2013**

A joint meeting of the Rice City Council and Watab Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 28, 2013 by Mayor Dale Rogholt at the Rice City Council Chambers. Rice City Council members present were Dale Rogholt, Chris Scheel, Al Voigt, Dave Thene, and Brian Skroch. Watab Town Board members present were Ed Kacures Jr., Craig Gondeck, Lloyd Erdmann, Pat Spence, and Eileen Saldana. Following the Pledge to the Flag, Mayor Rogholt welcomed everyone present and announced that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the fire contract between Rice and Watab.

Mayor Rogholt asked the City Council members if they would agree to the lump-sum amount of \$38,500 for fire protection in 2013. Following discussion on the benefits and disadvantages of entering a lump-sum contract versus a two-year contract based on a percentage of Net Tax Capacity and a fee per call, it was the consensus of the City Council members to accept this counter-offer from Watab for 2013 of a lump-sum payment of \$38,500. The Mayor reviewed that this amount was derived from 2.6% of the Net Tax Capacity of the sections served by Rice in Watab plus an average of forty emergency calls at \$350 per hour. This is the average of the number of calls per year during the past five years. This is a compromise position for both parties since Rice requested \$41,000 lump-sum payment, and Watab Township believes that the 2.6% is unfair since Graham and Langola Townships are assessed at 2.38% of Net Tax Capacity.

The City Council also agreed to the amount of \$38,500 for the 2012 contract. The City will bill the township for the balance due.

The council and board members then reviewed the contract language proposed by Watab Township on January 8, 2013 and made the following changes:

- Opening Sentence: Contract is made effective on January 1, 2012
- #5: Contract commences on January 1, 2012 and expires on December 31, 2013
- #8: item a. on Semi-Annual Payment is retained; percentage of NTC and service call fee sections are deleted; c. becomes b. and d. becomes c.
- #9: City shall bill Town for the semi-annual payment at least 60 days before the date by which the Town is required to pay that amount to City. Next sentence is deleted.
- #10: delete "and social security numbers of drivers;" add: "Town agrees to not impose or collect an emergency service charge on any City resident living within city limits."
- All other sections remain as written.

The City will make a notation on the monthly Emergency Call Reports to the Township if the call included a City resident so that the Township will not bill them.

The Rice City Council will take formal action on the contract at its February 4th meeting. Ed Kacures will attend the meeting and bring a signed copy to the Town Board meeting on February 5th for the township to formally vote on it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with motion by Dave Thene and second by Brian Skroch.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Spence, Watab Clerk