

Watab Emergency Services Committee Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2017

The Emergency Services Committee met at the Town Hall on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Members present were Jason Krueger, John Olson, Ed Kacures, Bob Raveling, Todd Waytashek, Craig Gondeck, Lloyd Erdmann, Maureen Graber, and Pat Spence. Following the Pledge to the Flag, the committee reviewed the draft of a newsletter to be sent to residents. Suggested changes were: (1) changing the color of the yellow line on the line graph to a darker color than yellow; (2) adding 1/3 and 2/3 to the legend on the line graph; (3) refigure the percentage of unpaid calls for the Rice area to include the past few years; and (4) change the heading to "Form" rather than "Build." Pat suggested that Palmer Printing do the printing and mailing of the newsletter and have it sent out the first week of November. Motion was made by Lloyd, second by Bob, and passed to go ahead with that plan for the printing. The committee decided to mail it to the property tax payers in the township.

Todd reviewed options for a structural steel building like the one at Chain of Lakes. The architect estimates that it would cost about \$525,000. The committee discussed what that number might include, since the project manager had told us the building cost under \$350,000. Todd will follow up with the project manager for clarification. The architect estimates a concrete tip-up building at \$700,000. Both these costs are for a 74 x 76-foot building. Craig said that a pole shed fire hall like Princeton would be less than \$40 a square foot (\$225,000). This is according to an estimate giving by Al Keller, who built the Princeton Fire Hall.

We need to develop a cost sheet for the presentation to the residents. It would include three options for a fire hall: Good, Better, and Best. An explanation would be included of the type of structure, cost, bond payment, and how it would affect property taxes.

The second slide of the presentation would include the Start Up Costs for the Fire Department and the loan amount that would be needed, payment schedule, etc.

The third slide would include the Operating Budget.

We need to be sure to mention that Gold Cross Ambulance and the Sheriff's Department are interested in being stationed in a Watab Fire Hall.

The decision was made to have a questionnaire distributed at the Information Meetings to gain the residents' opinions. Jason Krueger agreed to prepare a draft for the next meeting.

The meeting will be held on Monday, October 30th at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence