

Present: Town of Baraboo (Randy Puttkamer), Town of Fairfield (Tim Stone), Town of Greenfield (Terry Turnquist), Town of Sumpter (Robin Meier), West Baraboo (Owen Mergen) and City of Baraboo (Mike Palm, Ed Geick and Chief Kevin Stieve)

Absent: None

Meeting called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chief Stieve. Chief Stieve noted compliance with open meeting law. Moved by Town of Baraboo (Puttkamer) seconded by Town of Greenfield (Turnquist) to approve agenda and carried unanimously.

**2021 Operating Budget –**

Chief Stieve summarized the memorandum that was sent with the proposed 2021 Budget. That memorandum included:

- 2020 Summary sheet to compare the two year expenses
- 2021 proposed budget including one intern position.
- Fire Inspector Wage calculation. Town of Baraboo (Puttkamer) had a question about the change in their charge. It was determined the increase was due to the equalized value, population and average number of incident calls as used in the formula.
- 2021 Summary Sheet detailing the estimated costs for 2021 budget.
- Capital Equipment Fund summary sheet.
- The insurance costs are not final yet, as all price quotes are not finalized. This may result in a cost savings.

The biggest factor of the increase in budget was the 100% allocation of the Asst. Chief – Training Officer expenses was in the budget. The 0% operating budget and the 0.6% increase in wages was also explained.

The budget detail was requested for review. I advised I would e-mail that information out. There was also an typographical error in 2020 Workers Compensation Insurance Cost that would be corrected and revised budget sheet would be e-mailed out.

Moved by Town of Greenfield (Turnquist) seconded by City of Baraboo (Palm) to approve 2021 Budget. Carried unanimously

**Town of Sumpter potential withdrawal from Fire Protection Service Agreement**

Town of Sumpter (Meier) explained that the Town of Sumpter is exploring fire protection options based on budget concerns. She explained that Baraboo Fire Department covers 5% of the Town and accounts for 30% of the fire service budget. Sauk Fire District will be exploring options in relation fire protection coverage.

**Annual Incident Responses to Date** – Chief Stieve handed out year-to-date incident responses for entire service area. Members also received the September monthly report in the initial e-mail with the rest of the budget information. A few questions were answered in reference to the individual municipality’s incident responses.

**Potential Revenue Sources**

**Special Rescue Charge** – Chief Stieve continues to work with City Attorney on creating ordinance on special rescue charge. A definition on technical rescue equipment needs to be clarified as a majority of these types of calls ae carry outs. The challenge of recovery of invoices was also mentioned.

**Incident Responses for illegal burning** – Chief Stieve handed out the Town of Fairfield Ordinance and offered assistance if the individual municipalities wanted to enact such ordinance.

Fire Station Remodel – There was no interest in touring the fire station to look at area to be remodeled and shared with Baraboo District Ambulance Service (BDAS)

**Adjournment** Motion by Town of Fairfield (Stone) and seconded by City of Baraboo (Palm) and unanimously approved to adjourn at 2:33 p.m.