

Villages of Walworth and Fontana  
Ad Hoc Joint Services Committee Meeting  
May 11, 2009  
5:00 P.M.

Chair Nordmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. There was not a quorum, so the committee met to gather information only. Present: Nordmeyer, O'Connell, Petersen. Also present: Kemmett, Nitsch, Long, Severt, Jim Schwartz, Hayden, Vanderbloemen, Rhonda Schwartz, Westphal, Porstner and others from Fontana Fire/Rescue.

Nordmeyer turned the discussion over to Fontana Fire Chief Nitsch. The four departments met with Ted Beskow/Metro to talk about a contract for paid on premise services with Metro. Beskow is present at today's meeting. He is a retired volunteer fire chief and a customer service specialist with Metro. Metro has done about 20 or 30 contracts similar to this. Most people who work for Metro were volunteers prior to that. Nordmeyer asked if they have contracts in place already where two or more municipalities are sharing services. There are several in Wisconsin now with two municipalities sharing services. He checked with their legal counsel and it's not going to be a problem.

Nordmeyer also asked about the relationship between Metro personnel and each individual squad. If they're on duty and we have a fire call, would they report to the chief in charge? Yes, per Beskow. And the municipalities have to set the salaries, too. \$30,000 is about the minimum, up to \$42,000. Most people bring it up because they know the people and want to keep them. What type of time frame are we looking at between working out the details of the contract and people starting? Beskow hasn't seen anything shorter than 30 days; it's usually about 40 days. Attorneys will look at the agreement and people need to be hired. The original implementation date was to be June 1<sup>st</sup>—but Nordmeyer would rather err on the side of getting it right before we start.

Hayden noted that she was asked a couple of months ago to see about a valuation of the equipment among the four departments. There are several people who could do this. Equipment sellers will appraise. A contact from Virchow Krause said a retired fire chief from Appleton would be willing to verify figures or say they were in the ballpark. Severt asked if it's usually original purchase cost, depreciated value or replacement cost. Beskow said it's original value with depreciation.

Nordmeyer wants to see a workable document for this committee's next meeting and then be ready to send it to the Boards.

Respectfully submitted,

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