

VILLAGES OF WALWORTH AND FONTANA
AD HOC JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

June 17, 2008

5:00 P.M.

Chair Matt Long called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Present McConnell, Nordmeyer, Spadoni, Long. Also present Walworth Emergency Services Director Severt, Fontana Administrator Hayden, Fontana Fire Chief Kemmet, Fontana Village President Pollitt, Rob Ireland, Walworth Fire Chief Andy Long, Town of Walworth Chair Joe Abell among others.

Nordmeyer/Spadoni motion to approve May 21st minutes carried by ayes without negative vote.

Business: Discussion, Consideration and Action on the following:

Continue Discussion on Consolidation of Services

Long began by noting that Walworth is not trying to take over Fontana, nor Fontana Walworth. We're going through a process. It makes sense because we're so close to each other.

There are visitors from Town of Linn here today. They are welcome to come to the meetings for information, but for now we're not interested in pursuing any consolidation with Linn. Down the road something might work out.

The committee has been as open and forthcoming with information as they can be. Long has met with Walworth Fire & Rescue to explain what we're doing. He knows Walworth and Fontana Fire and Rescue has met on their own. If you have concerns that are not being addressed, give him a call to find out what's going on. Spadoni echoes the chair's opinion. The committee has opened this process to all department heads and employees. They will continue to seek input. It will be a slow process. Spadoni says O'Connell, Petersen and he will be happy to go out to any Fontana meetings.

Hayden sent out a draft municipal court agreement for this meeting. We have to send agreement to Boards and ordinances have to be drafted. Schut will look for sample ordinances for this committee to fine tune and present to the two Boards. Severt noted that if dissolution occurs after December 1st, the judge could be appointed until the next election term. Andy Long pointed out that the judge determines the court schedule and appoints the court clerk.

The following is a review of the draft municipal court agreement.

Page 1: Looks OK.

Page 2: 2.1 Long asked why we wouldn't want trustees from both Villages to be on the court commission. Hayden thought it should be an independent commission, but she's not sure if that's in the statutes. Nordmeyer agrees it should be separate. 2.3 Compensation starts out at \$0. 2.4: Nordmeyer thinks the limit should be set low and then it goes back to the Villages for approval. \$5,000 is OK with the committee.

Page 3: 3.1 Walworth doesn't have an ordinance, but our auditor is OK with \$3,000 also. Walworth needs to adopt \$3,000 ordinance minimum for capital expenditures. 3.2 Hayden will finish this section and others before next meeting. 3.3 Spadoni doesn't have a problem with a 50/50 cost share because basing it on revenue and ticket volume would vary year to year. Revenues would go to the respective Villages, costs 50/50. Prosecution will be the cost that causes the most problem between the communities, because Fontana has had the most prosecution expense. Spadoni asked if we could split expense 50/50 the first year, then look at it after that and reevaluate. Andy Long thinks we need to look at the way we do certain things, like pre-trials. Walworth does its own and Fontana has their attorney do theirs. He thinks we need to start out doing things the same way. 3.5 Fiscal Agent could be either Fontana or Walworth Treasurer.

Page 4: 4.1 The term of the agreement should be 2 or 4 years to mirror the judge's term. The committee thinks 4 years would be good. 4.2 The agreement will be for successive 4 year terms. Any municipality wishing to withdraw must give 2 years' notice. No such notification can be given until after the initial 4 year period.

Hayden is working on the assets and distribution of assets portion of the agreement. We also need to clarify what we're going to do about elections. Hayden will check with the League for a possible review. The agreement will be sent to the Village Boards in July, with a request to them to have their respective attorneys look at it. The final document would then go back to the Boards in August.

The next meeting will be Thursday, July 31st, at 5:00 p.m.

Spadoni/Nordmeyer motion to adjourn carried by ayes.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Schut, Clerk