

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE  
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN

(Approved Minutes)

Special Joint Meeting of the  
VILLAGE OF FONTANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND VILLAGE OF WILLIAMS BAY TRUSTEES  
Wednesday, September 11, 2024

President Kenny called the special joint meeting of the Fontana Village Board and Williams Bay Village Board to order at 5:00 pm.

**Village of Fontana Trustees Present:** President Kenny, Trustee Vilona, Trustee Peterson, Trustee Marek

**Village of Williams Bay Trustees Present:** Trustee Jaramillo, Trustee Wright, Trustee Russell, Trustee Vlach, Trustee Umans, Trustee D'Alessandro (arrived 5:32pm)

**Village of Fontana Trustees Absent:** Trustee O'Neill, Trustee Pappas, Trustee Rowe

**Village of Williams Bay Trustees Absent:** President Bill Duncan

**Also Present:** Fontana Administrator Theresa Loomer, Fontana Village Clerk, Bonnie Liptak, Fontana Village Attorney Dale Thorpe, Interim Fontana Fire Chief Manthy, Williams Bay Administrator Dave Lothspeich, Williams Bay Fire Chief Doug Smith, Dave Robotham, Steve Santeler, Alex Rasch

**General Business – President Kenny**

Interim Fontana Fire Chief Manthy recognized the sacrifice of fallen first responders on September 11, 2001.

**Presentation of Annual EMS Report and Budget Preview**

The 2023 Annual EMS Report and Budget were distributed. Interim Fontana Fire Chief Manthy presented the Annual EMS Report and Budget, including Staffing, Response time and Coverage as well as the Risks and Challenges. Discussions included: mutual benefit of sharing resources to benefit all community stakeholders.

**Discussion or Action on Proposal for EMS/Fire Services for Town of Walworth**

Alex Rasch and Dave Robotham from the Town of Walworth presented the idea to join the Village of Fontana and Village of Williams Bay in an agreement to provide EMS to the three communities. Fire Chief Manthy stated he was contacted by the Town of Walworth several months ago and has met with all the fire officers since then. They unanimously agreed that due to the low number of calls, the Village of Fontana would be able to provide Fire and EMS service to the Town of Walworth without increasing full-time staffing. Chief Manthy went over the draft agreement with the Town of Walworth including proposed cost sharing and fees. Williams Bay expressed concerns about not having a say in the Town of Walworth agreement and suggested if Fontana holds the primary contract, then there should be a strong “out” clause for Williams Bay. Williams Bay expressed concern about wanting to remain closely partnered in decisions, given assurances that the same level of service will be maintained, and provide input on the budget.

Williams Bay Trustee Vlach/Williams Bay Trustee Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve in concept the services between the three communities and to construct the municipal attorneys for those respective communities to work on different options including organization and language and to present those back to their respective boards for review. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

Trustee Petersen/Trustee Marek 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to approve in concept the services between the three communities and to construct the municipal attorneys for those respective communities to work on different options including organization and language and to present those back to their respective boards for review. The MOTION carried without negative vote.

### **Discussion or Action on Intergovernmental Agreement for EMS Services**

The boards discussed the amended IGA which includes a 10-year agreement. There was discussion amongst the boards about whether a new agreement will be required if the Town of Walworth is provided with Fire/EMS service. After discussion, the Williams Bay Village Board agreed they would discuss with their municipal attorney.

### Adjournment

Trustee Peterson/Trustee Marek 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION at 6:51pm for the Village of Fontana Board members to adjourn the meeting and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Trustee Umans/Trustee Wright 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION at 6:52 pm for the Village of Williams Bay members to adjourn the meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

APPROVED: 10-14-2024