

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue  
Joint Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 30, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.  
Hauser Room – City of Neenah

Present: Ald. Ramos, Stevenson, Krueger, Ahles, Sevenich, and Klein

Also Present: Chief Auxier, Director Easker and Office Manager Theisen

Ald. Sevenich called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Forum: There were no members of the public present.

Meeting Minutes: The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from August 23, 2011. Ald. Krueger said he reviewed the information from the Finance Directors regarding consolidation and thanked everyone for their work. **MSC Ahles/Krueger to approve the meeting minutes from August 23, 2011, all voting aye.**

Request for Authorization to Commence Training for the Dive Team: Chief Auxier handed out statistical information for ice/water rescues for the past five years. These were broken out by the areas of where rescues were made (Neenah, Menasha, Little Lake Butte Des Mort, Oshkosh and Calumet County). He did note that we do receive calls from Oshkosh to assist and it is usually for multiple victim rescues.

Ald. Sevenich asked about calls for Oshkosh. Chief Auxier did state he spoke to Sheriff Mattes and calls with Oshkosh they will go back and forth with assisting calls and it is done on a mutual aid basis and they do not charge for these calls. Sheriff Mattes also advised that even if there is a request for a dive/water rescue their Department is still responsible for responding to the call as they have the jurisdiction for waterways. HE also stated that they do respond for mutual aid calls to Calumet County and do not charge for these services.

Ald. Stevenson asked what the protocol will be set up with the 911 Dispatch System for calls to make sure we are dispatched for calls in our area first and also that the Sheriff's Department is notified. Chief Auxier stated when the call comes in it is coded by the Dispatcher and they are automatically prioritized in the CAD system and dispatching takes place as needed for those calls. The Sheriff's Department will automatically be dispatched to these calls.

He also handed out information regarding the legalities of calls. State Statue 66.03125 was reviewed. Ald. Ahles asked questions regarding the State Statues and the payments for mutual aid calls. He also asked for a copy of State Statue 66.0301. This will be forwarded to the Committee members for review. Mutual aid type calls were discussed. Chief Auxier said if there is a mutual aid call was requested we would respond with the personnel. Ald. Ramos said if there is an agreement what the language states for

damages to equipment, etc. Chief Auxier said the current Winnebago County Mutual Aid agreement states that we all pay for our own expenses.

Ald. Krueger asked what the chances are for us to be dispatched out the Winneconne Area. Chief Auxier said at this time there are maps and response areas for who responds first, who responds second, etc. Under the present system, Oshkosh Fire Department would respond to calls in the Winneconne Area and at this time, we have never been called to the Winneconne area.

Ald. Stevenson asked about the training costs were and what would be expended and what would be saved. The original figures given by Chief Auxier were incorrect and that savings for on shift training would only be \$8,100. Chief Auxier stated that there are some savings for the having some of the on shift training would be for the classroom and pool training. There will still be overtime expenses incurred with the training they have to incur at the quarries.

**MSC Ramos/Krueger recommends the City of Neenah and City of Menasha Common Council's authorize the commencement of the training of the NMFR Dive Team, all voting aye.**

**Approval for the Contract with Dive Team International: MSC Stevenson/Ramos recommend the City of Neenah and City of Menasha Common Council's approve the contract with Dive Team International for a total of \$16,020, all voting aye.**

**MSC Krueger/Stevenson to adjourn at 6:20 p.m., all voting aye.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Auxier  
Chief

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