

Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue
Joint Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting
February 28, 2012 – 5:30 p.m.
3rd Floor Council Chambers – City of Menasha

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

Excused: Ald. Ramos.

Also Present: Chief Auxier, Director Stoffel and Office Manager Theisen.

Ald. Sevenich called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

Meeting Minutes: The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from January 24, 2012. **MSC Krueger/Stevenson to approve the meeting minutes of January 24, 2012, all voting aye.**

Budget Report: Chief Auxier reviewed the January 2012 budget report. He also handed out a preliminary year-end budget report through December 31, 2011. Chief Auxier noted executive Mayoral adjustment of \$4,450 would be adjusted through out the budget this month and will be reflected on next month's budget report. **MSC Stevenson/Krueger to approve the January 31, 2012 budget report, all voting aye.**

Monthly Activity Report: The January 2012 budget report was reviewed by the Committee. Chief Auxier noted that the yearly medical evaluations are almost complete. The bi-annual first responder training for all staff members is finished. **MSC Stevenson/Krueger to approve the January 2012 activity report and place on file, all voting aye.**

Budget Carry Forward Request: The Committee reviewed the memorandum from Chief Auxier regarding his request for budget carry forward funds from 2011 to 2012. Chief Auxier reviewed the reductions he made when putting together the 2012 budget at the request of Mayor Merkes. He noted that there were additional savings from the original health insurance projections than what was given to us. Chief Auxier asked for carry forward funds for personal protective equipment. He noted in 2011 we didn't purchase any personal protective equipment so we could save money in the budget. However, the required testing was completed in December 2011 and it was found there is gear that needs to be replaced due to issues that arose from testing. He also noted that there are MDC's that need to be replaced. This will help us with the automatic aid with Appleton Fire Department and with the mandated radio upgrade. Ald. Ahles asked what the total in the PPE account would be if dollars were carried forward. The total would be \$40,000. Ald. Ahles noted that some money should remain in the account incase there are fires and gear needs to be replaced outside of the normal replacement schedule. Chief Auxier noted with carrying forward these funds this will allow us to replace what we need with

money left in the account incase there is a need that arises later in the year. **MSC Ahles/Krueger recommend the City of Neenah and the City of Menasha Common Councils approve a resolution to carry forward a total of \$10,669.00 for the City of Menasha and a total of \$15,859.00 for the City of Neenah for a grand total of \$26, 528.00 of 2011 NMFR Budget funds to 2012, all voting aye.**

Dive Team Fundraising Efforts: Chief Auxier discussed the two recent fundraiser that were held for the Dive Team. One was at Waverly Beach with Symphony on the Rocks and the Peterson Family sold chili and beverages in Waverly's parking lot during the opening of sturgeon spearing. These fundraising efforts raised a little under \$5,000.00. He also noted that additional fundraising efforts are being planned. Ald. Krueger suggested Moosefest could be used as a fundraising effort for the Dive Team. This would achieve our goal of funding the dive team, without using tax payer dollars. Chief Auxier is in the process of discussing this with both City Mayors. This year Moosefest will be held in August at Jefferson Park. Chief Auxier will update the Committee once he has completed researching this and to see if it is possible for us to use this as a fundraising for the dive team. Ald. Ahles suggested that we recognize the Peterson Family for their efforts. Chief Auxier said that we do continue to do this and once the Dive Team is officially up and running they will be recognized and will honor them properly.

Chief Auxier noted that there would be an Open House at Station 32, in the City of Neenah, on May 5, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Local 275 is planning Backdraft Bike Tour on Sunday, June 20, 2012 at Jefferson Park in Menasha. The proceeds from this event will be donated to Wisconsin Alliance for Fire Safety Burn Camp and Local 275's Benevolent Fund.

MSC Krueger/Stevenson to adjourn at 6:05 p.m., all voting aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Al Auxier
Chief

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