

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTY OF WALWORTH  
TOWN OF DARIEN

Special Joint Meeting  
Town of Darien Supervisors and the Village of Darien Board of Trustees  
Monday, February 27, 2017 – 6:00 p.m.  
Darien Town Hall  
N2826 Foundry Road, Darien, Wisconsin 53114

#### **Call to Order**

Town of Darien Chairperson Cecil Logterman called the Joint Meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Supervisors and Village of Darien Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Darien Town Hall, N2826 Foundry Road, Darien, Wisconsin 53114.

#### **Roll Call – Town of Darien**

Town Clerk Marilyn S. Larson called the roll for the Town Board; Chairperson Cecil Logterman, Supervisors Jim Terpstra, Dale Wheelock and Kevin Schutt, along with Rick Logterman and the Town Attorney, were present. Supervisor Dan Kilkenny arrived at 6:05 p.m. Others were present.

#### **Roll Call – Village of Darien**

Village Administrator and Clerk/Treasurer Rebecca Housman LeMire called the roll for the Village of Darien. All were present including the Village Attorney.

#### **Review, discussion, and possible action regarding the Village of Darien and Town of Darien Joint Fire/EMS Department ordinance amendments to consolidate departments and create a Joint Fire Commission (Town Chapters 5 & 7, Village Chapters 2.16 and 2.20)**

Supervisor Terpstra questioned Section 7.12 - Fees for Fire & EMS calls. Discussion amongst the boards that the current policy bills three times and if the bill has not been paid and is under \$500 the bill will be forwarded to the Fire Chief and if it is over \$500 the matter will be brought forward to the Joint Boards. This will be continuing in the new Chapter 7. Trustee Kaufenberg moved to adopt Village Ordinance No. 302 to repeal and recreate Village Chapters 2.16 and 2.20 (creating a Joint Fire/EMS Department and Joint Fire Commission); seconded by Trustee Truckey; carried unanimously by voice vote. Supervisor Terpstra moved to adopt Town Ordinance No. 2017-1 to amend Town Chapters 5 & 7 (creating a Joint Fire/EMS Department and Joint Fire Commission); seconded by Supervisor Wheelock; carried unanimously by voice vote.

#### **Review, discussion, and possible action on a request from the Darien Joint Fire/EMS Department to withdraw participation from the City of Delavan Medix EMT Trial Program as March 1, 2017**

Trustee Kauffenberg moved to withdraw participation from the City of Delavan Medix EMT trial program as of March 1, 2017; seconded by Trustee Wenzel; carried unanimously by both boards. Ms. Housman LeMire will be sending a thank you letter to City of Delavan with a copy to Medix, and both boards agreed that Medix should be able to use the Darien Fire Station to park their ambulance rig when needed.

#### **Presentation from Fire Chief and review, discussion and possible action regarding Fire/EMS Department Staffing and Compensation**

Fire Chief Justin Schuenke presented and reviewed the different options of staffing and compensation from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and weekends and holidays; he favors Table 3, which proposed \$2 an hour (and on weekends and holidays \$5 an hour). Three members of the Department will be working the late shift. Supervisor Terpstra expressed that he would like to see this move forward. Chief Schuenke sent out surveys to other Fire Chiefs and only received two responses. The fire department would stay volunteer, as their wages are under minimum wage. EMTs would need to remain sober and stay in area during the time on call. Supervisor Terpstra moved to adopt Table 3 and compensate a maximum of three EMT's

(and a minimum of two) from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and weekends and holidays beginning May 1, 2017; seconded by Supervisor Wheelock; carried unanimously by voice vote by both boards.

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**Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the purchase of a new fire apparatus**

Deputy Fire Chief Dustin Ransom, Chairman of the Fire Apparatus Committee, explained replacement of all the vehicles. Looking at the community, the Committee recommends the tower ladder truck with a basket. The tower truck is a 2015 Ferrara worth \$919,000.00. Bill Neuner from Ferrara explained the advantages of having this truck in our community. Fire Chief Schuenke explained the squad will be sold, and a trailer is being purchased by Crossed Irons Fire Association to haul some of their equipment. Discussion amongst board members. Chairperson Cecil Logterman suggested it might be a possibility to loan funds to the Village and waive interest for the first five years. The Town and Village Boards will be taking this information back to their own meetings and discuss amongst themselves. No action taken.

**Review, discussion, and possible action regarding options for future Family Connections Newsletter Administration**

Trustee Kaufenberg moved to approve option 1 presented by Ms. Housman LeMire, with the Town and Village sharing the cost and forming a committee with a member from each boards, and with each resident from the Town and Village to receive a paper copy; seconded by Trustee Bauman; carried unanimously by the Village Board. Supervisor Kilkenny moved to continue producing the newsletter in the current manner, and without forming a committee, for three additional months; seconded by Supervisor Wheelock; carried unanimously by the Town Board. The Town will be responsible for their information and presentation.

**Schedule next meeting date**

The Joint Board will meet again at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at the Darien Fire Station.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before this Joint Meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Supervisors and Village of Darien Board of Trustees, Supervisor Schutt moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Kilkenny; carried unanimously by both boards.

Approved by the Darien Town Board

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Chairperson Cecil R. Logterman      Date