

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF WALWORTH
TOWN OF DARIEN

Special Joint Meeting
Town of Darien Supervisors and Village of Darien Trustees
Monday, March 12, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
Darien Town Hall
N2826 Foundry Road, Darien, Wisconsin 53114

Call to Order

Town of Darien Chairperson called the Joint Meeting of the Town of Darien Board of Supervisors and Village of Darien Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Darien Town Hall, N2826 Foundry Road, Darien, Wisconsin.

Roll Call – Town of Darien

Clerk Marilyn Larson called roll for the Town Board Chairperson Cecil Logterman, Supervisors: Jim Terpstra, Dale Wheelock, Kevin Schutt, and Dan Kilkenny were present. Rick Logterman was absent. Others present: Greg Epping, Brad Poepke, Sean McNeil, Jacob Brown, Kelley Kelly, Dennis Dutton, Ron Whalen, Nick Maize, Bob Williams, and Justin Schuenke, and Bruce Vander Veen.

Roll Call – Village of Darien

Administrator Clerk/Treasurer Rebecca Housman LeMire called the roll for the Village of Darien, Village President Kurt Zipp, Trustees: Cheryl Kaufenburg, Ken Truckey, Liz Baumann, William Volmar, Village Attorney Brad Lochowicz were present. Trustees Jane Stiles and Robert Wenzel were absent.

Review, discussion and possible action to select a new Emergency Medical Billing Company proposals received by March 9, 2018

Discussion amongst the joint boards regarding proposals submitted by two medical billing companies. Trustee Kaufenburg moved to approve the contract with Andres Medical Billing Company for the Joint Fire/EMS Department; seconded by Trustee Baumann; carried unanimously. Supervisor Terpstra moved to bring Fire Chief Justin Schuenke into the conversation; seconded by Supervisor Schutt; carried unanimously.

Review, discussion to the collection of delinquent emergency medical services accounts

Current Lifequest billing is not to update with delinquent billing. Andres Medical Billing Company will do a third-party collection agency; they will also be billing for both fire and EMS. Administrator Rebecca Housman LeMire and Justin Schuenke will be in contact with Andres Medical Billing Company regarding their delinquent policy billing. No action taken.

Review, discussion, and possible action to accept a UTV (utility vehicle) for the Darien Fire/EMS Department donated by the Crossed Irons Firefighters Association

The Darien Fire/EMS Department no longer has an UTV available for their use. The Crossed Irons Firefighters Association had previously purchased a trailer and was not offering to buy and donate to the department a new UTV for their use. Supervisor Wheelock moved to approve to accept an UTV for the Darien/Fire Department donated by the Crossed Irons Firefighters Association; seconded by Trustee Truckey; carried unanimously.

Discussion of current level of Fire and EMS Service provision in Darien, potential consequences of continuing at current level, and options for improving service response

There has been a lot of calls which have not been answered or a sufficient number have not responded to allow transport; so, these calls have often been covered by Village of Sharon, Medix, or Paratech. Chief Schuenke stated that they are indebted to provide Fire and EMS to the community, and it is just not being done. Supervisor Terpstra moved to bring Dr. Mac Neil, Mercy Health Medical Director, into the conversation; seconded by Supervisor Kilkenny; carried

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unanimously. Dr. Mac Neil explained the Darien Joint Fire/EMS does not have enough people responding to calls to staff an ambulance for EMS calls. Medix and Paratech are not obligated to respond to Darien EMS calls. He also suggested that Darien EMS consider a change their of service from AEMT to EMT. Supervisor Terpstra moved to bring Sharon Fire and EMS Chief Bruce Vander Veen and Deputy Chief Nick Maize and the Walworth Deputy Chiefs from the Fire and EMS into the discussion; seconded by Supervisor Terpstra; carried unanimously. Chief Bruce Vander Veen explained currently Sharon Fire/EMS Department can manage their own current calls; but it is difficult at times to cover Darien's Department too; within five years they may have the same problems that Darien is having. Walworth Fire/EMS Department explained they have partial coverage through Metro staffing agency and their members. Chief Schuenke expressed disappointment that he cannot dismiss underperforming volunteers. Discussion amongst the Boards. Supervisor Kilkenny moved to authorize legal counsel to work with Chief Schuenke to develop new departmental policies; seconded by Trustee Kaufenburg; carried unanimously. Administrator Rebecca Housman LeMire will be contacting Medix through City of Delavan or working with another agency to work toward a short-term solution. There was also discussion to begin to talk to the Boards from the Village of Sharon and Village of Walworth to discuss some long-term solutions which could affect our Municipalities in the future.

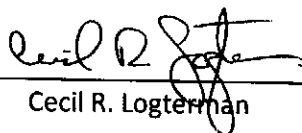
Schedule Next Meeting Date

Not at this time.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Joint Meeting of the Town of Darien and Village of Darien. Trustee Kaufenburg moved to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Kilkenny. Unanimously approved.

Approved by the Darien Town Board

 4-18-2018
Cecil R. Logterman Date