



Special Joint Meeting
Town of Darien Board of Supervisors and Village of Darien Trustees
Monday, September 27, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Darien Village Hall, 24 N. Wisconsin Street, Darien Wisconsin 53114

Call to Order

Town of Darien Chairperson Cecil Logterman call the Joint Meeting of the Town of Darien of Supervisors and Village of Darien Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Darien Town Hall, 24 N. Wisconsin Street, Darien Wisconsin.

Roll Call – Town of Darien

Clerk Marilyn S. Larson called the roll for the Town Board; Chairperson Cecil Logterman, Supervisors Rich Keyzer, Kevin Schutt, Dale Wheelock, Bud Wojcik, and Treasurer Rick Logterman. Town Attorney was excused.

Roll Call – Village of Darien

Village Administrator Clerk/Treasurer Lindsey Peterson called the roll for the Village of Darien, Trustees Elizabeth Baumann, Ken Truckey, Kevin Atkinson, and by zoom Cheryl Kaufenberg and Will Volmar. Village President Jane Stiles and Trustee Sheila Stirmel were absent.

Others present: Deputy Fire/EMS Chief Bob Williams, Greg Epping, and Joint Fire/EMS Chief Justin Schuenke by zoom.

Review, discussion, and possible action relating to the future vision for the position of Fire/EMS Chief for the Joint Darien Fire/EMS Department

Chairperson Logterman described he would like to see the Fire/EMS Chief have experience with a Joint Fire/EMS Department, but also be able to work with the Metro Paramedic Services. Supervisor Keyzer suggested who ever is hired should have several years of service working on a Fire/EMS Department. Chief Schuenke explained his appointment from the Commission ends 2022 February, but he will stay on as long as needed. The Fire/EMS Commission has never gone through the process of hiring a chief, so he will be available for this process.

Chairperson Logterman suggested creating a selection committee to assist with the process of interviewing for a new Chief to weed out the applications before presenting the remaining candidates to the Fire/EMS Commission for the final decision. Also, include on this committee members from the Town and Village and potentially Chief Schuenke.

Chief Schuenke feels the Town and Village need to determine what exactly what they would like to see in the next Chief. The question he suggested to the Boards was do you want the position: remain volunteer, part-time, be full-time, or be full-time with a secretary. Also, Chief Schuenke has worked for \$4,000 for the last 10 years; he feels this would not be enough Town/Village to find a replacement. Chief Schuenke suggests a part-time Chief could be a good fit. Trustee Truckey asked Chief Schuenke if he could provide documentation of the hours he is working as well as qualifications and some comparable of his job by middle of October. Another meeting will be set once the information is received.

Discussion and possible action to approve the Joint Darien/Fire Department 2022 Budget Request

Administrator Clerk/Treasurer Linsey Peterson presented the 2022 requested budget request which was prepared by along with herself, Town of Darien Treasurer Rick Logterman, and Joint Fire/EMS Chief Justin Schuenke. Currently there are two unknown budget items: Fire Chief position and revenue share for the Metro Paramedic Services contract. The proposed 2022 budget includes for Metro highest contract amount.

Chief Schuenke explained the Fire Department is currently in need of a new fire engine. Deputy Chief Bob Williams reported the old engine is dripping water and is almost 30 years old. Bob has had conversation with different manufactures to discuss the different types of engines that our department requires. Lindsey explained the delivery for a new engine is 18 to 24 months. If the boards agree to order a new engine; we can lock in the price quoted for a truck, voiding any future price increases. The Town and Village Boards will meet again and discuss ordering a new engine.

Supervisor Keyzer would like to include \$20,000 back into the 2022 budget to possible to put toward Fire/EMS Chief position. Discussion amongst the Board members. Trustee Baumann suggested to add an amount also to Social Security and related taxes.

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Supervisor Keyzer moved to approve the 2022 Fire/EMS Budget as amended; seconded by Supervisor Schutt; carried 5-0.

Village of Darien

Trustee Truckey moved to approve the 2022 Fire/EMS Budget as amended; seconded by Trustee Baumann; carried 5-0.

Schedule Next Meeting

As needed.

Adjournment

There be no further business to come before the Joint Meeting with Town of Darien and Village of Darien; Supervisor Keyzer moved to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. seconded by Trustee Truckey; carried unanimously.

Approved by the Darien Town Board

 11-2-21
Cecil R. Logterman Date

Submitted by
Marilyn S. Larson