

TOWN OF WILSON
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
**APPROVED MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2011 SPECIAL JOINT TOWN BOARD /
FIRE STUDY COMMITTEE / FIRE STUDY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**

PRESENT: Town Chair David Gartman, Town Supervisor and Fire Study Committee and Fire Study Sub-Committee Chair Dale Sommer, Town Supervisor David Senkbeil, Fire Study Sub-Committee Member Phil Mersberger, Fire Study Sub-Committee Member Dan Rostollan, Judy Daane, Richard Daane, Rich Neerhof, Bill Gartmann, Brenda Stecker, Rich Ternes, Kory Wendlandt, Tom Opgenorth, Dennis Udovich, Mike Jacobchick, Lori Jacobchick, Bob Jacubiak, Glenn Bruggink, Ann De Pagter, Kristy De Blaey, Nate Voskuil, Matthew Gartman, Brian Schmitt, Bruce Johnson, Jo Johnson, Clerk Cheryl Rostollan. **Absent:** Town Supervisor Michael Bergin, Town Supervisor Brian Hoffmann.

1. Call to Order & Declaration of Open Meeting Notice:

The Special Joint Town Board/Fire Study Committee/Fire Study Sub-Committee Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Dale Sommer at 7:30 p.m., posting in accordance with open meeting law was confirmed by Sommer with the information provided on the affidavit of posting and the meeting was declared an open meeting.

2. Town Chair, David Gartman:

The history of the Fire Partners Agreement was provided by Town Chair David Gartman.

3. Town Supervisor, Dale Sommer:

Supervisor Sommer explained the coverage area provided by the Village of Oostburg (previous coverage area and current coverage area), census figures from 1930 through 2010 (highlighting the 1970, 1990 and 2010 figures) and the cost of Fire Partner's Agreement.

4. Fire Study Sub-Committee, Phil Mersberger:

Phil Mersberger provided history of how the Fire Study Sub-Committee was created, what they were tasked by the town chair, why and how they arrived at the method of property equalization (the standard method for property taxing purposes.)

Chair Gartman reiterated the task that he assigned to the Fire Study Sub-Committee and the sequence of events leading to tonight's meeting:

- a. The Village of Oostburg's response to the Town of Wilson's request for consideration of a discussion regarding a Fire Partners contract amendment (an absolute "no" was received);
- b. The Fire Partners lack of response to the Town of Wilson's request for consideration of a discussion regarding an amendment to the Fire Partners Agreement (at the July 20, 2011 Fire Partners Meeting the Town of Holland, Town of Lima and Village of Oostburg were asked to take the Town of Wilson's concerns and request for a contract amendment to their respective boards to enable discussion at the next Fire Partners meeting. The Wilson board has questions whether or not such discussions occurred;
- c. Minutes from Fire Partner's Meetings – what did our predecessors do and why? (Request for minutes from Fire Partners meetings has yet to be fulfilled.)

5. Questionnaire:

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Supervisor Sommer provided questionnaire for Town of Wilson residents located in the first-service area provided by Village of Oostburg.

Chair Gartman provided explanations and pros and cons of choices on survey. Gartman also provided information from 2009 Ayers Engineering Report on Wilson-Lima Bridge and February 2011 Bridge Report from Sheboygan County. The town is in the process of posting a new sign at the Wilson-Lima Bridge stating that weight limits do not apply to emergency vehicles.

6. Questions:

- Why did the boundaries change? No certain answer is available at this time, perhaps ISO ratings;
- Brian Schmitt, Village of Oostburg & Black River Fire Department – Explained Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). The first fire department that takes a fire call is the fire department that decides if additional fire department(s) are called and they also decide which fire department(s) will be called;
- Mandate to update radios was brought up as it relates to the Fire Partners Budget; all EMS radios must be updated by July 1, 2012 (explanation provided by Rich Neerhof, Village of Oostburg Fire Chief);
- Fire departments that are incorporated versus non-incorporated, points of survey and requested input;
- Question regarding the building of a new fire station, whether more equipment would be needed. Supervisor Sommer asked residents to add "Addition of a bay on the maintenance building" to the survey;
- Future encouragement of part-time Town of Wilson employees to join the Black River Fire Department;
- Response time from Black River Fire Department to Wilson-Lima & CTH A;
- Fires east and/or west of the railroad tracks and the respective consequences of trains blocking travel to and from fire;
- Response time to recent fire on Pine Woods lane;
- Thank you to all attendees and for data provided;
- How many fires have there been in Oostburg response area? (information for 2007 through 2010 fires provided by Supervisor David Senkbeil);
- Does current Partner's Agreement allow us to change the fire service area?

7. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by David Senkbeil; second by Dan Rostollan; motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Cheryl Rostollan, Town Clerk