

**NMFR Joint Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting**  
**May 28, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Hauser Room – City of Neenah**

Present: Ald. Boyette, Sevenich, Grade, Stevenson and Ropella

Excused: Ald. Kunz

Also Present: DC Voss, Director Easker, Director Jacobs and MA Ellis

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

Election of Chair: **MSC Ropella/Grade elect Ald. Sevenich as Chair of the Joint Finance & Personnel Committee, all voting aye.**

Election of Vice-Chair: **MSC Sevenich/Grade elect Ald. Stevenson as Vice-Chair of the Joint Finance & Personnel Committee, all voting aye.**

Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

Minutes: The Committee reviewed the March 26, 2019 meeting minutes. **MSC Stevenson/Grade to approve the March 26, 2019 meeting minutes and place on file, all voting aye.**

5:35 p.m. Director Jacobs entered the meeting.

Activity & Automatic Aid/Mutual Reports: The Committee reviewed the April 2019 activity and automatic/mutual aid reports. **MSC Stevenson/Boyette to approve the April 2019 activity and automatic/mutual aid reports and place on file, all voting aye.**

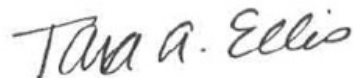
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Report: The Committee reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget report. **MSC Stevenson/Grade to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget report and place on file, all voting aye.**

Automatic Aid Update: DC Voss said the two counties have to work out the two different CAD Systems to communicate with each other. The new vendor with Outagamie County is the one who is trying to figure out why their system is not communicating with Winnebago County's system. Winnebago County has been trying to work on it from their end but they have not can't force Outagamie's County's vendor to work faster. Ald. Stevenson asked about the operational ramifications by not having automatic aid. DC Voss explained instead of us being dispatched by closest unit to the address the engine from the district of where the incident is located is dispatched which means a longer response time. Ald. Ropella asked if there were any incidents impacted by this. DC Voss said there is nothing that he can identify at this time and it comes down to longer response times for calls in specific areas. The Committee directed Chief Kloehn DC Voss to have Chief Kloehn to send this out a letter to both County Executive Boards, all three Mayors and the Appleton Alderman that this affects with a copy this committee of requesting this issue be made a priority.

Budget Formula Review Update: Director Jacobs said he has reached out to the Manager of Bayside (one of the seven communities that is part of the Northshore Fire Department agreement) for information in writing so he and Director Easker can review this. He has not received this information. He found on their website information that the agreement has been around since the 1990's and they are on their 8<sup>th</sup> amendment of the formula change for budget years 2016-2020. The Weston area is covered by Wausau Fire Department and reviews this on a more regular basis. This partnership was based upon who wanted to participate and at what level of participation. He said the goal of the formula is to have the factors not change but numbers may fluctuate at times. Ald. Sevenich said formulas can change if the communities change. He has noticed a change in Menasha and wants to make sure this is fair and equitable for both Cities, especially the City of Menasha. He doesn't want Neenah to be a mecca area and have Menasha pay for it. Director Jacobs said if any changes are suggested it has to go through this committee and both Councils for review. Ald Stevenson noted the merger agreement states changes to the formula have to be completed on, or before, September 1<sup>st</sup>. Which means it would need to go to Joint Finance & Personnel's July meeting so it can be forwarded to both Councils for review in August. Ald. Sevenich requested monthly updated on this item.

**MSC Stevenson/Boyette to adjourn at 6:00 p.m., all voting aye.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara A. Ellis".

Tara Ellis  
Management Assistant