

NMFR Joint Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
City Hall – Menasha

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

Excused: Ald. Stevenson

Also Present: Chief Kloehn, Finance Mngr Pearson

Public: None

Ald. Sevenich called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Public Forum: No members of the public chose to speak.

Approval of Minutes: The Committee reviewed the January 25th, 2022 meeting minutes. **MSC Grade/Borchardt to approve the January 25th, 2022 meeting minutes and place on file, all voting aye.**

Activity and Automatic Aid Reports: The Committee reviewed the January 2022 year-to-date activity and mutual aid reports. **MSC Grade/Ropella to approve the January 2022 activity and mutual aid reports and place on file, all voting aye.** Chief Kloehn noted that our call volume for the month of January had increased from last year at the same time. Discussion on the amount of ice rescue calls that NMFR responded to during Battle on Bago fishing tournament. Ald. Grade had asked about charging a fee to the people who were rescued since we had to call in overtime to staff a station while the crew was out for 6 hours performing rescues. Ald. Sevenich and Ropella agreed; this has been talked about for years but how do we go about implementing? Chief Kloehn said that he will be meeting with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department on February 24, 2022 to have an incident action review with all responding agencies.

Automatic Aid Review of Contract: Chief Kloehn discussed the automatic aid agreement between City of Appleton and NMFR. Winnebago County and Outagamie County have fixed the CAD system to allow both agencies to begin automatic aid. Chief Kloehn explained that the only difference is that Appleton Fire Department is all EMT's and will be going to a Paramedic service soon. Because NMFR is at an EMR advanced level service, automatic aid for EMS has been removed from the contract and the automatic aid contract will be for structure fires and major incidents on Hwy 441. If for some reason AFD is busy with calls, they will call NMFR for EMS services. **Ald. Boyette/Ropella recommends the City of Menasha and the City of Neenah Common Councils approve the updated and amended automatic aid agreement between the Appleton Fire Department and Neenah-Menasha Fire Rescue, all voting aye.**

Carry Forward Request for 2021 Operating Funds for Engine 32: Chief Kloehn discussed the repair issues with Engine 31. Engine 31 is our oldest truck in the fleet and has the TAK 4 suspension issue. Besides being worn, we have some issues with it being corroded in spots. Chief Kloehn explained that we have removed the TAK 4 suspension feature in our last two apparatus and the new engine we just ordered. **Ald. Borchardt/Boyette recommends the City of Neenah and City of Menasha Common Councils to approve the repair of Engine 31's TAK 4 system for a cost not to exceed \$16,517.00 with funding coming from the maintenance of motor vehicle budget that is within the operating budget, all voting aye.**

MSC Borchardt/Grade to adjourn at 5:58p.m., all voting aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Kloehn
Fire Chief