

NMFR Joint Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.
City of Neenah – Hauser Room

Present: Ald. Sevenich, Eisenach, Grade, Borchardt, Boyette and Stevenson

Also Present: Chief Kloehn, DC Krueger, DD Kahl and MA Ellis

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

Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

Minutes: The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from December 19, 2022. **MSC Boyette/Grade to approve the December 19, 2022 meeting minutes and place on file, all voting aye.**

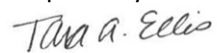
2022 Calls: The Committee reviewed the total calls for 2022. Ald. Boyette asked about false alarms. Chief Kloehn explained the process of working with businesses, why these occur and how businesses are billed for several alarm calls. Ald. Sevenich asked if the gas leaks are from the work TDS is doing with fiber optics. Chief Kloehn said some of them are from this. Both Cities have policies in place where they will remove vendors from the Cities if these continue from the same sub-contractor. Ald. Borchardt asked the cost for the department to leave the station for each call. Chief Kloehn discussed the average costs. Ald. Borchardt asked if we bill anyone back for calls. Chief Kloehn said we can charge back for some calls with consumables, false alarms and calls on highway 41. **MSC Sevenich/Boyette to place the 2022 call volume on file, all voting aye.**

Hiring Update: Chief Kloehn updated the Committee on the current process of making offers to three new hires to fill the upcoming positions due to retirements. We will continue with our Joint Recruit Training Academy with Oshkosh Fire Department. Discussion was held on hiring another firefighter due to the possibility of a future unexpected vacancy. They all agreed this position was already approved when the probationary employee was hired and it's a budgeted position and it's not expanding the table of organization. The Committee is comfortable with hiring a replacement for the probationary employee and doesn't feel it needs any formal action from this Committee or both Councils.

Engine 31 Repair & Reserve Status: DC Krueger reviewed his memo on the current situation with our vehicles due to the accident that Engine 31 was in on December 31, 2022. Our current reserve vehicle is a 1997 engine and it is getting to the point where we cannot keep relying on this as a front line engine. Discussion was held on the vehicle situation, the current vehicle replacement plan and what may happen in the future if the 1997 reserve engine continues to be a front line vehicle versus a reserve that should, in theory, be used occasionally. Ald. Sevenich would like to try to get through these three months using the reserve engine as a front line vehicle. He asked DC Krueger to explore purchasing used vehicles and see if the options available would be viable options. He would like to see if this is an option versus always buying new. Due to the length of time it's taking to get vehicles we should look at placing a vehicle order sooner rather than later to stay on track. Chief Kloehn and DC Krueger will research used vehicles and look at if we should place orders for vehicles in future year budgets due to the amount of time it is taking to build new trucks. Ald. Stevenson asked if we checked the insurance policy and is there a possibility to rent a vehicle and have this covered under our policy. Chief Kloehn will check on this.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Tara Ellis

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