

Joint Meeting of the Belgium Fire Department, Belgium Village Board, Town of Belgium Board – October 28, 2008

The following media were noticed relative to this meeting per the Open Meetings Law of the State of Wisconsin: The Ozaukee Press, Port Washington, WI; The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel (Ozaukee-Washington Desk), Milwaukee, WI; The Sheboygan Press, Sheboygan, WI. In addition, a copy of the agenda was also posted at the following locations within the Village of Belgium: Belgium Village Hall, Belgium Post Office, Port Washington State Bank (Belgium Office), Harris Bank (Belgium Office), and Belgium Hardware and Beverage.

Call to Order, Roll Call, Establishment of a Quorum:

Cindy Large, President of the Belgium Fire Department called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. In attendance were: (Belgium Fire Department): Fire Chief – Daniel E. Birenbaum, President – Cindy Large, Leon Anzia, Patrick Wester, Christopher Schmidt; (Belgium Village Board): President Donald J. Schommer, Trustees Ronald J. Weyker, Ellen L. Lukas, Clem Gottsacker, Dale Pfeifer, Jeff Ritter, Tom Vodicka; (Town of Belgium Board): Chairman Francis Kleckner, Supervisor William Janeshek. Quorums were established for the Belgium Village Board and the Town of Belgium Board.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- Proposed 2009 Fire Department Budget. Chief Birenbaum reviewed the Belgium Fire Department information provided for the meeting.

The Belgium Fire and Rescue Department currently has 40 members and 2 explorers.

In 2007, they had 126 calls (96 rescue calls, 25 fire calls, 4 car accidents). They had to call for Mutual Aid one time. They participated in Mutual Aid ten times in 2007. The Belgium Fire Department had a call volume of 130 this year compared to 112 last year.

Pumper #761, purchased in 1979, is on the Apparatus Replacement Schedule for 2009. This vehicle is 30 years old. Dan noted that they wrote a FEMA grant in April, 2008, for a fire and rescue pumper. In September the Belgium Fire Department was noticed that they were not successful in obtaining the grant as they requested a vehicle similar to the type that they already own.

Discussion took place on obtaining an aerial (tele-squirt) vehicle. An aerial would eliminate the need for an engine and possibly be grant eligible. The cost is estimated at \$650,000 to \$700,000 for an aerial truck. The Belgium Fire Department had requested a 1,750 gpm rescue pumper at a cost of \$525,000.00.

Another possible solution would be a “Contender” built by Pierce in Florida. Currently the City of Mequon owns this vehicle which they purchased 6-7 years ago. The cost is between \$200,000 - \$225,000. It has a capacity of 1,000 gallons with a flow of 1,250 gpm. The vehicle would hold four people plus the driver. This vehicle would be able to get into tighter spaces such as exist along Lake Michigan. Village President, Donald Schommer, offered to go with Chief Birenbaum to look at Mequon’s fire truck. The Town and Village Board told Chief Birenbaum to look into this vehicle and also to seek grant funding on vehicles.

The Belgium Fire Department Budget for 2009 was reviewed. New items needed for 2009 include:

NO.	ITEM	COST
2	Complete Set of Gear @ \$1,500/set	\$3,000.00
4	Pagers @ \$425/pager	\$1,700.00
1	Portable Radio	\$3,400.00
10	Pairs of Gloves @ \$52/pair	\$ 520.00
	TOTAL	\$8,620.00

The Village of Belgium portion of the budget relative the Fire Department rent was reviewed. The only large item project projected for 2009 was sealing of the parking lot at a cost of \$2,750.00. Total Fire Department Rent for 2009 is \$28,840.00. (Village of Belgium 22%; Fire Department 78%).

Chairman Kleckner noted that the State of WI Department of Revenue made an error last year on their equalized value thus this year's equalized value is lower than last year's.

Equalized Values:	Percent of Total	
Town of Belgium	\$272,084,700.00	
Less Section 6	<u>\$6,079,793.00</u>	
Total-Town of Belgium	\$266,004,907.00	60.02%
Village of Belgium	\$177,188,300.00	39.98%
Total Equalized Value	\$443,193,207.00	100%

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Times Mill Rate (5 decimels)	0.00030
Dollars Needed for Belgium Fire Department Budget Operations	\$132,260.00

Total Proposed Fire Department Budget:

Town of Belgium	\$79,382.55
Village of Belgium	\$52,877.45
Total	\$132,260.00

A motion was made by William Janeshek and seconded by Ellen Lukas to approve the 2009 Belgium Fire Department Budget as presented. The Village of Belgium Board was polled: aye – Schommer, Lukas, Gottsacker, Ritter, Weyker, Vodicka, Pfeifer; noes – none; abstain – none. Town of Belgium Board: ayes – Kleckner, Janeshek; noes –none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

- Any other business that comes before the joint meeting that complies with law:
Chief Birenbaum asked the Town of Belgium Board if they had further consideration on putting up reflective address numbers in the Town. Supervisor Janeshek noted that he had two colors on his property to see which worked better. Patrick Wester noted that green doesn't work well for those who are color blind. Concern was expressed about the white outline to the sign that takes away from the clarity of the numbers. They do not have this item in this year's budget. Chief Birenbaum noted that the Town of Fredonia signs looked very nice and he would recommend them to the Town of Belgium. He also noted that Lange Enterprises, Inc. would manufacture and install the signs at a cost of \$31.00/each). Estimated total cost is between \$12,000-\$13,000.
- Adjourn:
A motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. was made by President Schommer and seconded by Chairman Kleckner. The Village of Belgium Board was polled: aye – Schommer, Lukas, Gottsacker, Ritter, Weyker, Vodicka, Pfeifer; noes – none; abstain – none. Town of Belgium Board: ayes – Kleckner, Janeshek; noes –none; abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lila M. Mueller, CMC
Village Clerk-Treasurer