



Meeting: **Village Board of Trustees**

Place: **Fire Station - 606 Water Tower Road**

Date: **Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

Webpage: www.poynette-wi.gov

JOINT MEETING OF THE FIRE DISTRICT

TOWN OF DEKORRA, TOWN OF LOWVILLE AND VILLAGE OF POYNETTE

MINUTES

1) Call to Order

President Kaschinske called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion by Burke, 2nd by Stronach to have President Kaschinske preside over the Joint Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call

Present: Burke, Kaschinske, Avery, Polzer and Stronach

Absent: Fiore and Boor

Staff Present: Administrator Shanks

4) Discussion of insurance billing

Chief Tomlinson discussed the option of billing for fire calls such that they would be covered by private insurance in order to generate more revenue. Tomlinson expressed concern about charging resident's who have already contributed tax dollars to the service. Some questions and discussion from the members of the Boards occurred.

5) Presentation of 2020 Fire District Budget options by Fire Chief Jim Tomlinson and discussion of the 2020 budget

Chief Tomlinson presented an overview of the budget options. He discussed the EMS operations and its impact on the proposed increases. Members from Lowville expressed concern about cost increases and how it impacts their annual budget. Members from Dekorra also expressed concern about being able to find the right long-term solutions to address the budget and service challenges. Trustee Burke expressed that the communities need to find ways to accommodate the increase in their budgets. Trustee Polzer expressed interest in looking at insurance billing options to generate revenue and encouraged everyone to work collaboratively to address the issues. Trustee Avery expressed that everyone needs to work together and focus on what's working and build on that. President Kaschinske proposed renting out the Station to the public for meetings and other events to generate revenue. Members of Dekorra and Lowville expressed interest in pursuing this idea. Kaschinske asked EMS Director Hahn about gradual increases to the EMS stipend over multiple years to mitigate increases in the budget. Hahn provided further information and other changes that have occurred to the EMS over the last year. Members of the Boards further discussed insurance billing and renting out the facility to generate revenue. Members of the Boards further discussed and asked Chief Tomlinson and Director Hahn questions about specific budgetary items.

6) Adjournment

President Kaschinske adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm.

Approved 7/22/2019

Respectfully Submitted,
Martin Shanks
Village Administrator