

VILLAGE OF TWIN LAKES SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2024 – Following the Committee of the Whole

Village Hall, 105 E. Main Street, Twin Lakes, WI

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:23 PM BY PRESIDENT SKINNER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ ROLL CALL:

Present: Trustees Bill Kaskin, Aaron Karow, Ken Perl, Kevin Fitzgerald, President Howard Skinner. Absent: Trustee Barb Andres, Sharon Bower. Also Present: Administrator Laura Jager, Clerk Sabrina Waswo

PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

Discussion and possible action regarding a quote from Asphalt Contractors to patch 3 culverts in the amount of \$9,400.

Trustee Kaskin questioned why Public Works wasn't handling the road patches. PW Foreman Clause explained that PW already installed the culverts and doesn't have the equipment for quality patches. Kaskin said PW has done similar work before, and suggested PW try one patch, and if it's not good, hire the contractor for the others. Engineer Droessler said the patches would be higher quality than PW's, with costs around \$1,500. President Skinner noted the patches are larger than usual. Kaskin remained opposed.

Fitzgerald/Skinner motion to accept the quote from Asphalt Contractors to patch 3 culverts in the amount of \$9,400. Motion carried 4 to 1 with Kaskin voting no.

Discussion and possible action regarding a Memorandum of Understanding for a future intergovernmental agreement regarding joint emergency medical services.

Trustee Fitzgerald expressed cautious optimism about the collaboration but emphasized the need for a solid working relationship. President Skinner clarified that current operations will continue until 2026. The Rescue Squad is also contracting with Randall and Wheatland. Discussions would resume after the referendum.

Trustee Karow questioned funding details, particularly whether the \$255,000 contributions from each community would be prorated. Administrator Jager clarified it is a flat fee with no proration, and in general, Towns are receiving significant state funding to be used for EMS. The Rescue Squad is in agreement with this.

The agreement is an MOU, with a formal intergovernmental agreement to follow in January, including legalities and required signatures. The current plan only covers two years to address actuals for staffing and overtime costs.

Police Chief Hall raised concerns about dispatch costs, with Jager stating this is part of the overall contribution, with Salem Lakes contributing multiple items including additional staffing, making it a wash. Karow compared the agreement to the collaborative effort with the library, while Fitzgerald warned about the potential risks of creating a new taxing entity. The MOU avoids the state-mandated fire district model to retain flexibility with board composition and taxing.

The \$450,000 referendum is necessary to sustain the fire department and EMS, as current revenue from the village and EMS calls won't cover costs. Karow stated conceptually he's in favor but feels we need to work together to get all the details settled. Once the new system is in place, current fees will no longer apply, and there will be a gap to fill until 2026, either through a referendum or borrowing.

Skinner/Fitzgerald motion to approve the MOU for a future intergovernmental agreement regarding joint emergency medical services. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN

Skinner/Karow motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

/s/Sabrina Waswo, Village Clerk

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