

Minutes
Town of Onalaska – Special Meeting
October 1, 2012

Chairman Bogert called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Rolly Bogert, Frank Fogel, Sandy Thompson, Steve Michaels, Marc Schultz and Melissa Erdman were present. This meeting was properly noticed.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to approve the agenda. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizen's Concerns:

Jeanne Bornitz, W5969 O Nelson Road, Holmen presented maps and details of the Holmen Fire Department coverage, Onalaska Fire Department coverage, distance from the Onalaska Fire Department to her home as well as distance to Mike Niles on Johnson Coulee Road. Population and area were also indicated. She is not in favor of withdrawal from the Holmen Area Fire Association. She also said she felt that the minutes quoted her incorrectly. It made it sound like she was threatening the board.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to open discussion up to the floor in regards to the Holmen Area Fire Association Contract. Supervisor Fogel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Francis Brown, N5889 State Road 35, Onalaska commented that the town needs to bring an attorney to the next fire board meeting.

The Town of Holland Town Board Meeting audio from September was played in regards to their discussion on the Fire contract.

Supervisor Thompson made a motion to close the discussion. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Board is concerned about legal responsibilities to all municipalities, cutting the budget by \$75K when a staff member needs to be replaced, equipment replacement is necessary, and without good communication, a viable contract will not be reached.

Citizen's Concerns:

Jeanne Bornitz, W5969 O. Nelson Rd. Holmen, wonders why the Fire Board did not have citizen's concerns on the agenda.

Francis Brown, N5889 State Road 35, Onalaska, states the town needs an attorney present at the next fire board meeting.

Board Member's Concerns:

Supervisor Michaels states the fire board chair should not be pushing an agenda. That Chairman Bogert allows the board to discuss the items.

Supervisor Thompson presented an idea for all three municipalities and all three service providers offer a public safety event at the US Fish and Wild Life Building either in the fall or the spring.

Correspondence:

None

Supervisor Schultz made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Michaels seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Erdman, Clerk