

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019 COLD SPRING CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING WITH
WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Heinen at 8:00 p.m. The following City Council members were found to be present: Mayor Dave Heinen, and Council Members Jayme Knapp and Gary Theisen Absent: Doug Schmitz and Shannon Miller. Others present: Brigid Murphy, Dan Weber, Kris Dockendorf, Heidi Stalboerger and Wakefield Township Supervisors Cyril Erkens, John Willenbring, Shawn Garding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2019 CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2020 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Murphy explained the new form provided includes the revenues and has the same expenditures that were listed from the September 5th meeting. Murphy stated that since this was now similar to the meeting documents in the past, we will go back to displaying the same information. Murphy pointed out that that same section requires the City to provide the calculation for the previous year's cost. Since the meeting is held in September, the City is not able to calculate that number. She stated that the list now meets the objection that was raised. Supervisor Willenbring noted that the numbers appear the same as were provided before. Willenbring asked if the capital expenditure is going to be raised. Murphy stated that the contract does allow for a 10% increase each year for the life of the contract.

FIRE SERVICE CONTRACT DISCUSSION

Mayor Heinen stated that the City was under the belief that the calculation would stay with market value and that the original calculations were for figuring out the contract was full market value. Supervisor Willenbring thought that it had been discussed, but not sure when. Willenbring says that this screws up the township share of the contract because it makes per call higher to the townships. Mayor Heinen stated that this agreement with the buildings only costs the City over \$30,000 across the three townships for 3 years and that this element will be back in the next negotiation. Council Member Knapp asked how many departments serve them and how much does each resident pay for fire services? Knapp stated it is difficult to assess what residents are paying per contract since there isn't a clear number. Knapp stated that the City has no intention of terminating for this period. Supervisor Willenbring asked if the percentages applied to the three elements could be changed and Mayor Heinen said that could be something that is requested when the new negotiations arise. Town Clerk Stalboerger asked when and how long are negotiations anticipated to be? Mayor Heinen said not as long as it was and stated that it should be just a few months.

Mayor Heinen stated that some of the issues we are experiencing will be removed and Murphy stated the quorum aspect will need to be removed. Mayor Heinen stated that the contract will be as is for the length of this contract. Stalboerger asked if the check will be cashed and Murphy stated that the council will accept the objections to the invoice at the November 12 meeting and the checks will be cashed after that.

Stalboerger informed Knapp that she believes that she has the cost per call amount for Wakefield. Knapp explained that he would rather like to know what the breakdown is for the cost per resident/parcel in the township for what they pay for fire protection services and what is the fire protection budget for each taxed parcel. Knapp stated he needs a better understanding of what they pay per household.

Willenbring asked about the timeline for the building of the fire hall. Murphy stated that she is working on drafting an RFP for the council to approve. She anticipates a first of the year publication of the RFP and hopes for a selection of an architect sometime in the first quarter for the year.

Willenbring asked if we signed the Stearns County Mutual Aid contract. Murphy stated that she believes the City has and that the city is involved in several mutual aid associations. Heinen stated that mutual aid is in place with Richmond and Rockville. Rockville is the primary first call for assistance.

Willenbring asked if staffing will be an issue going forward. He asked if the Cold Spring Fire Department has attempted to work with the school system to promote participation in the department and he stated that Chain of Lakes attempted to do that last year.

ADJOURN

MOTION WAS MADE BY THEISEN, SECONDED BY KNAPP, TO ADJOURN AT 8:31 P.M., SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED 3-0.

Dave Heinen, Mayor

Brigid Murphy, City Administrator