

Egg Harbor Joint Fire Commission Meeting Agenda
Thursday, May 19, 2022- 6:00 PM
Bertschinger Center
7860 State Hwy. 42, Egg Harbor, Wi

1. Call to Order

Petersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioners present: James Petersen, Jeremy Schopf, Clarence Scherer, Pat Gilday, Mack Bonk, and Bill Edwards

Commissioners absent: None

Staff present: Fire Chief Justin MacDonald, EMR Crew Chief Dale Wiegand, and Lynn Ohnesorge

Municipal representatives present: Steve Schopf and John Heller

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Edwards moved to approve the agenda, second by Schopf, motion carried.

4. Review and Approve Minutes from April 21, 2022

Clarence moved to approve the minutes from April 21, 2022, with corrections, second by Gilday, motion carried.

5. Open Session - 10 minutes

Bonk: One of the Village Trustees wanted to know if the Harbor Master at the Village Marina can train to deal with fire and EMR issues at the Village Marina.

Fire Chief MacDonald: The Harbor Master would need to sign on to be a firefighter and EMR. If there is a fire or medical issue, they should call 911. Everyone that works at the Village Marina should be trained in CPR. If there is a fire on a vessel at the Village Marina, the staff will not be able to do anything. MacDonald spoke with Ken Mathys about coming up with an emergency plan for the Village Marina staff.

Petersen: We had talked about trying to get our State Representative, Joel Kitchens in to speak with several municipalities about the training availability at NWTC. Having difficulty getting an EMR class set up and then the class gets canceled due to a lack of meeting the minimum number of attendees. Would this be a good time to get the word out? I am sure Kitchens would be interested in talking about how we can be more proactive in getting the training from the school.

Fire Chief MacDonald: It has been pretty good for a while now. He thinks that NWTC has realized that the minimum number of 12 attendees for an EMR class isn't going to happen anymore. Some of the fire departments have chosen to send their members to Green Bay for classes. He doesn't know too many people that want to get done with their job at 3:00 or 4:00 p.m. and get into their vehicle to go drive to Green Bay for a class that starts at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. and get home at 11:00 p.m. NWTC has been pretty receptive to whatever class size they have recently.

Petersen: Asked Fire Chief MacDonald if he was happy with the response, he has gotten from NWTC for the training classes.

Fire Chief MacDonald: Yes.

Petersen: Is NWTC offering classes for firefighter training 2?

Fire Chief MacDonald: Firefighter training 2 classes don't come around until the spring. They will hopefully do a firefighter training 1 class in the fall.

Scherer: What about asking Joel Kitchens about forming a fire district as a separate taxing entity.

Steve Schopf: He thinks that Joel Kitchens had talked about looking into legislation for a fire district to be its own taxing entity. He hasn't heard anything since Covid happened.

6. Review of Bills from April 2022

See attached bills.

Petersen: He would like to thank whoever did the truck service with Red Power Diesel.

Scherer: Is the balance that is showing the total for the year?

Fire Chief MacDonald: There is less than \$3,000 left in the truck maintenance account. The truck maintenance account will be over what was budgeted for the year. All the pump tests have to be done yet and any fixes need to be done from that.

Edwards: What is the \$58,827.90 for Jefferson Fire & Safety?

Fire Chief MacDonald: That is the turnout gear. That is 20 sets.

Scherer: Was \$58,827.90 budgeted for in the 2022 budget?

Fire Chief MacDonald: Around \$75,500 was budgeted for the turnout gear in 2022. They have not received all the boots. The boot manufacturer has some shipping issues.

Petersen: Are all the firefighters satisfied with the turnout equipment?

Fire Chief MacDonald: All the firefighters love the new turnout equipment.

Petersen: What are the two phone accounts, Cellcom and Frontier for?

Fire Chief MacDonald: Frontier is the phone land line for station #1 that they are trying to figure out because it doesn't work. They may look to switch to Charter and be able to put high-speed internet and phone into station #1. Cellcom is for the Wi-Fi in the two trucks.

Petersen: Is there internet service at station #1?

Fire Chief MacDonald: There is internet service at station #1 from Door County Broadband.

Petersen: Are you happy with the internet service from Door County Broadband for station #1?

Fire Chief MacDonald: It is ok. They would like to see what Charter can do to get some fast internet in station #1.

Steve Schopf: He tried inquiring with Charter about internet service a while ago and they said there wasn't any service at station #1.

Fire Chief MacDonald: He is going to try inquiring with Charter about internet service for station #1 again.

Scherer: Asked John Heller if the Village of Egg Harbor has a contract with Charter.

Ohnesorge: The Village of Egg Harbor does not have a contract with Charter.

Weigand: It is not the Commissioners job to go over the bills. According to our lawyers, the Fire Commission doesn't need to do anything with the bills.

Ohnesorge: The Village Board has asked the Village Fire Commissioners to look over the joint bills and report anything back to the Village Board.

7. Fire Chief Report

See attached report.

- Year-to-date numbers are 10 calls below this time last year.
- They will be doing the EMR refresher training in-house.

Bonk: Asked Fire Chief MacDonald what the apparatus vendors at the trade show said was the lead time for a new vehicle.

Fire Chief MacDonald: from one to two years, depending on how much they outsource. The prices for new apparatus are changing daily. Quotes are only good for 15-30 days for equipment.

Petersen: Did Pierce have their all-electric fire truck on display at the trade show?

Fire Chief MacDonald: Yes. They had an electric fire truck from the city of Madison. He doesn't think the electric fire truck is the way to go. They would have to do upgrades to the station to charge the electric truck.

Schopf: The cost of electric fire trucks are two to three times the cost of a diesel. There are a lot of unknowns about electric vehicles.

8. EMR Report

See attached report

Petersen: How many EMR's do we have?

Wiegand: About 12 EMR's.

Gilday: Do the six new Door County EMS positions impact you.

Wiegand: Yes, it does impact us. It used to be when they worked on someone in Egg Harbor it would be 30 minutes or longer before the ambulance would arrive. Now they arrive quicker since there are more ambulances and crews in the County. Any calls North of County E the ambulance would come from Sister Bay. Any calls South of County E the ambulance would come from Sturgeon Bay.

Fire Chief MacDonald: The County staffs 4 ambulances full time, 24 hours a day. Sturgeon Bay has 2 full-time ambulances; Sister Bay has 1 full-time ambulance and Brussels has 1 full-time ambulance. Sister Bay has 1 ambulance that works 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Before the additional staffing of Door County EMS, they would have to wait for backup paramedics to staff the vehicles which could be 30 minutes up to 45 minutes. Now the most time it takes for the ambulance to arrive is around 15 minutes.

9. Correspondence

10. Open Session - 10 minutes

Scherer: Asked Fire Chief MacDonald if he has a date to go over SOPs/SOGs?

Fire Chief MacDonald: He is hoping to have a meeting on the SOPs/SOGs on May 31, 2022. To follow up on the question from the last meeting about where the second set of keys is for the filing cabinet. They can't find them. Next week the office door will get rekeyed. This will solve the issue.

11. Set Date, Time, Location, and Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next meeting will be June 16, 2022 at the Bertschinger Center at 6:00 p.m.

12. Adjourn

Schopf moved to adjourn, second by Petersen, motion carried at 6:39 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Lynn Ohnesorge
Village of Egg Harbor
Clerk-Treasurer*