Special Meeting of Board of Supervisors

Town of Lincoln, Kewaunee County

October 26, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Lincoln Town Hall, N8016 Maple Rd, Casco, WI

(No Agenda) A Special Meeting of the Town of Lincoln Board of Supervisors took place at Lincoln Town Hall with Algoma City Administrator, Matt Murphy, to discuss Fire and Rescue Protection Service Contract and possibly take action on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 6:00pm.

Chairman Jesse Jerabek called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, others present were: Supervisors Jordan Nowak and Brent Eisenman, Joe Jerabek, Town Assessor, and Algoma City Administrator, Matt Murphy. Algoma Fire & Rescue counts half of the Town of Lincoln population for service since is split evenly with Luxemburg Fire & Rescue. Murphy noted the loss of EMTs, IV Techs, and drivers due to low wages paid by Algoma. Now on call wages are more in line with Luxemburg and Kewaunee. City of Algoma sends invoice to Town of Lincoln whenever there is a ToL rescue call; residents of the City of Algoma are currently responsible for 100% of the ready to serve fees such as maintenance of vehicles. New vehicles are purchased using equalized values of all municipalities served. Going forward, Algoma is planning on modeling billing structure after the City of Kewaunee by not sending a bill for any services to Lincoln throughout the year of 2023, but after the financial audit of 2023, would divide operating expenses between the municipalities served based on equalized values. One invoice would be sent to include annual Rescue Protection Service Contract, built in cost for a new ambulance, maintenance/upgrades on vehicles, etc. No special requests for funding or individual invoices would be sent to ToL throughout the year- should not receive any 2023 billing until 2024. Equalized values of City of Algoma and Pierce, Lincoln and Ahnapee Towns were reviewed by Murphy and the ToL Board of Supervisors; 2023 Rescue Service portion is estimated to be \$16,000 not including the Fire Service portion. The new ambulance already ordered is built in to this year's service contract. Future purchases would be built into the new billing structure and each year the contract would automatically renew unless one of the parties wants to renegotiate. Chairman Jerabek does not feel Town of Lincoln has fair representation in Algoma Fire & Rescue budgeting compared to the equal vote allowed on Luxemburg's decision making & budget, using equalized value to determine Rescue charges is not a fair deal for Lincoln since the four large farms are counted, and feels population is a better way to determine fees. Chairman Jerabek noted in the past, the Town of Lincoln was serviced 100% by Luxemburg Fire & Rescue, but realizes the importance of Algoma being able to reach that side of Lincoln quicker. Based on population, ToL should have less calls than larger municipalities. ToL paid more last year to Algoma Fire & Rescue than to Luxemburg Fire & Rescue even though their wages were higher.

Algoma Fire Service contract is not ready at this time. Discussion was held on options of charging for fire calls vs rescue calls. Murphy agreed population should be used for rescue calls, but feels equalized value is fair for fire calls. Murphy suggested an additional meeting with Town Boards of Pierce, Ahnapee and Lincoln.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Ann Salmon, Town of Lincoln Clerk