

TOWN OF MANITOWOC RAPIDS
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING FROM AUGUST 12, 2024

The special meeting on August 12, 2024 for the Town of Manitowoc Rapids meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stradal at 5:30 p.m. at Manitowoc Rapids Town Hall, 8624 CTH JJ, Manitowoc, WI.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and members present were: Josh Stradal, Chairperson; Tom Wetenkamp, 1st Supervisor; and John Jost, Supervisor 2.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action with Manitowoc Fire and Rescue

Chairperson Stradal informed the board the City of Manitowoc Fire Department would be willing to enter into a contract with the Town to cover the sections that Rockwood and Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Departments currently cover. Both fire departments service the sections boarding the City of Manitowoc. The reason the Board has been researching a possible change in fire service is based on the best response time for the Town people in those sections. Manitowoc has a fulltime fire department, which would provide a much quicker response time in an emergency.

Stradal reported by contracting with the City this could bring possible savings to town residents homeowners insurance based on their ISO (fire protection) rating of 2. The volunteer fire departments have an ISO rating of 9. When discussed with the Town's insurance agent, he mentioned a homeowner that would receive an ISO rating of a 2 would see significant savings from their current rating of a 9.

For 2024, the Town paid the City Ambulance/EMS \$10,440 (\$5 per town resident), Rockwood Volunteer Fire Department \$29,113, Silver Creek Volunteer Fire Department \$60,466, and Branch Volunteer Fire Department \$134,370. The total for the ambulance, Rockwood and Silver Creek totaled \$100,019. The fire departments rates are based off 0.75 of a mill per thousand dollars of assessed valuation of real estate property. The City would consider a five-year contract in the amount of \$100,000 for City Fire and Ambulance Services. By locking in a fire year contract, this would guarantee no rate increase for fire or ambulance service until 2030. With the volunteer fire department, an increase takes place every year because of the assessed value changes every year.

The Board will bring this discussion to the Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, August 14.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further Town business, Supervisor Wetenkamp moved to adjourn at 5:59 p.m. seconded by Supervisor Jost. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Backus, Clerk/Treasurer