

TOWN of MAY
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of May convened a special meeting on Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. Those present included: Board members John Pazlar, Steve Magner and Don Rolf. Clerk/Treasurer Bobbi Hummel. City of Marine Counsel Member Bill Miller.

Notice was posted on the township's website and at the Town Hall more than 72 hours prior to October 17th, 2023.

The sole purpose of the special meeting is to review the specifics of the 2024-2026 City of Marine Fire contract.

Board Chair John Pazlar called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The fire contract for between May and Marine is up for review, it expires at the end of the year. Mr. Miller requested this meeting to review how things are going and future costs.

In 2022 there were 30 members of the Marine Fire Department, including 11 from May Township. Currently there are 21 members of the Fire Department, including 3 from May Township.

Supervisor Pazlar mentions that paying township fire departments between three fire departments (Marine, Scandia and Stillwater) to cover May Township is costly and getting higher.

Counselman Miller indicates that the current budget for Marine is almost \$169,000.00, about 12.8% of their budget. He is open to suggestions. The goal is to determine if they are charging correctly. In 2023 Marine's her household cost was \$168.00, serving 223 households. This is in-line with the other contracts given each fire departments infrastructure and operating procedures. Another consideration/benefit is that the Marine Fire Department has members from May Township.

Supervisor Rolf has taken over the fire contracts this year and reviewed the formulas. They make sense and does not have any questions at this time. Costs are rising and the township needs to justify the increase also.

Supervisor Magner is concerned about providing fire service to the residence so they can live safely. It is a necessary expenditure. He wants to know if there is anything May Township can provide to help keep the Marine Fire Department going/healthy, noting the drop in members over

the past year. He would like to work together to keep it strong and ensure the local departments continue to thrive.

Miller updates that the Department is currently paid on-call. There are currently 5-7 new members that are taking training in the department, all training is covered by the department. The department is thriving, and they are not having any issues with staffing or covering any incident. They provide mutual aid with May, Marine, Scandia and Stillwater. A new/younger influx is moving into Marine and he is not worried about staffing but they are always recruiting. The fire department ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating is very good and this keeps costs down.


Miller suggests putting a new contract together with new numbers. Staying in line with the per household costs as before. A renewal that will start in 2024 and go for 3 years, ending in 2026, Moving toward an average increases overall.

Pazlar and Magner appreciate the communication from Marine and the dialog that has provided over the years.

Rolf is open to approving the contract based on the conversation with continued communication to stay aware of any upcoming costs.

Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Submitted:



Bobbi Hummel
Clerk/Treasurer

Approved:



John Pazlar
Board Supervisor, Chair