

CITY OF PRESCOTT, WISCONSIN

INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING WITH CITY OF PRESCOTT,
TOWN OF OAK GROVE AND TOWN OF CLIFTON JULY 16, 2019

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, an Intergovernmental meeting of City of Prescott, Town of Oak Grove and Town of Clifton was held Tuesday, July 16, 2019. 260 Flora St, Prescott, WI 54021.

Call to order/Roll Call: Oak Grove Town Board member and Prescott Fire and EMS Committee member Dan Johnson called the meeting to order. Members present Jerry Kosin, Gene Schommer, Deb McClure and Gary Huppert representing Town of Oak Grove, Leroy Peterson and Joe Rohl representing Town of Clifton, David Hovel, Maureen Otwell, Dar Hintz, Joshua Gergen and Bailey Ruona representing City of Prescott. Lee Olson, Mike Harriage and Tricia Shearen representing the Prescott Fire and EMS Association. Police Chief Eric Michaels, Fire Chief Tom Lytle and City Administrator Jayne Brand represented staff. Also present Jason Stroud representing River Falls EMS.

River Falls EMS Director Jason Stroud explained about the agreement Prescott Fire and EMS has signed with River Falls EMS and the cost was set at \$19.00 per capita. Jason explained the EMS service has been running at a deficit and they can't continue to run with a deficit. Jason reviewed the costs to operate the Prescott Station. The cost to operate is \$425,530 less the fee for service revenue which is \$167,400 which leaves the net cost to operate at \$258,130. They are including a \$50,000 adjustment so the amount needed is \$208,130 which when divided by the population comes out to \$28.50 per capita rate. This rate would mean there would be a dedicated ambulance here in the City of Prescott. Jason also stated this is a one year contract and they are analyzing how the EMS is going to be moving forward for the next 5 to 10 years.

Dan Johnson stated the EMS system is broke not only here but everywhere. He did want to be clear with the Town Boards and Council there was another way of doing the service and that would be the ambulance would be housed in River Falls. This service would be at the cost of \$21.50 per capita.

Leroy Peterson asked about the ambulance sitting halfway between Prescott and River Falls. It was explained when there is a call in Prescott an ambulance from River Falls moves closer to Prescott. The same thing happens when there is a call in River Falls then the Prescott ambulance moves closer to River Falls.

Deb McClure asked about the 116 calls with no pay. It was explained it could be for an ambulance which has been called to sit for standby or for someone who doesn't want to be transported.

Gary Huppert asked what the partners of the Ellsworth ambulance were paying and it is \$25 per capita.

Police Chief Michaels commented about the response time if they would come from River Falls. His department would need to become first responders and would be able to do CPR and a few other things. He asked about what would happen in the townships since the Sheriff Department would need to respond and they could be on the other side of the County.

Maureen Otwell asked if River Falls has been talking with Ellsworth to make the service more regional. Jason Stroud said he has met with Ellsworth and Baldwin regarding this and other issues.

Gene Schommer asked about how it is determined if they will respond from River Falls or Prescott. Jason stated it is dispatch that makes the determination of who will respond based on the area of the incident.

Dan Johnson stated he is glad to hear about consolidation and having a good response time.

Jerry Kosin stated we may have to look at losing an identity when it comes to cost.

Joe Rohl stated when we signed the contract with River Falls they had guaranteed a BLS service but River Falls has been staff with a paramedic service and River Falls has been absorbing the additional costs. With a higher level of service taxpayers should be expecting to pay a higher fee. Joe stated they have not heard complaints regarding the River Falls service and it was a good move for the Association to go with River Falls. He stated there needs to be an ambulance stationed in Prescott and feels we need to go with the \$28.50 per capita.

Gene Schommer reminded when looking at capital purchases, it doesn't always have to be new.

Fire Chief Tom Lytle informed the group that one of the fire trucks is in the factory to start being built. The next truck replacement is being looked at for 2022. They are looking at something different to replace a pumper. They had originally looked at a truck which would be approximately \$800,000 but with discussions they are looking at a truck which would be closer to the \$500,000 range. They want to get the vehicle set up so they can operate it with 1 to 3 firemen. The next vehicle which will be replaced is 1976 pumper. Money for the chassis is going to be needed in August. City of Prescott use their funds allocated for the August payment. The other municipalities will contribute their share once the truck is complete.

City of Prescott asked both towns if they would consider selling their reserve "Class B" liquor license to the city as the city has had requests for more licenses than they currently have. Neither town is willing to sell at this time.

Gergen/Hovel motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Administrator

