

Town of Bass Lake

Sawyer County

Fire Department Ad Hoc Committee

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Pete Sanders at 7:00 PM. Members present Bob Shamro, Marv Mullett, James Kenney, Pete Sanders and Doc Brueggen. Members absent John Bixby, John McCue and George Long.

Moderator Sanders affirmed the agenda was posted in compliance with the open meetings law.

A motion was made by Mullett and seconded by Kenney to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes were still unavailable for the January 7, 2008. Moderator Sanders will present a hard copy of the minutes at the May meeting. A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Kenney and seconded by Mullett. Motion carried.

Moderator Sanders listed various pros and cons strategies that the committee needed to address including but not limited to a) dual department membership, b) residency, c) minimum meeting attendance, d) physical fitness, and e) application procedure.

Moderator Sanders presented a five (5) page draft of an application for the fire department. Discussion followed. It was suggested a DWI clause needed to be added. It was also suggested that some language be included about driving record, level of education, probationary level, availability, alcohol and conduct. Also, suggestions were made about a 1 year probationary period or completion of entry level firefighter whichever is longer. Motion made by Mullett and seconded by Shamro for the members to review, make modifications and bring

back suggestions for the document in May for review and possible approval. Motion made by Mullett and seconded by Shamro. Motion carried.

The next discussion was regarding residency requirements. Bass Lake fire department members live in Victory Heights, near G2, Ski Hill Road and Anderson Road. Several live on Highway K and Highway KK. 4 Members currently reside in Northwoods Beach. Chief Mullett indicated since the department could rely on mutual aid, he was in favor of residency requirements. Shamro was not in favor since the availability of members is not huge from which to choose. Kenney made a motion and Shamro seconded to waive the residency requirement. Kenney, Shamro and Sanders voted for the motion. Mullett and Brueggen voted against it. Residency requirement not passed.

Discussion of membership in multiple departments resulted in a motion was made by Brueggen, seconded by Sanders to limit membership to one department only. Motion carried.

The discussion then led to department by-laws. According to the town's attorney, Ward Winton, current by laws are ineffective. Members were given a group of policies to review before next month's meeting.

The fire department's current Cadet program was briefly discussed. The current program in place was never approved by the membership or the town board. Additional discussion needs to take place on that level.

The committee stated they hoped to finish their work in the next two months. The agenda for next month will include review of the application process, and standardization and implementation of SOPs and SOGs for the fire department.

Motion was made by Brueggen , seconded by Mullett to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. No new date for the May meeting was set.

Submitted by Doc Brueggen