

# Monroe Rural Fire District Meeting

**MAY 5, 2020**

The Monroe Rural Fire District meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Monroe Town Hall.

Town Officers present; Tracy Signer, Todd Hasse, Mike Lambert, Chad Spotts, Ron Brandt and Colin Nack. Also present; Jim Rutledge, Peggy Murphy, Nick Bartel's and Tom Burkhalter.

The agenda was approved.

The April 16, 2020 emergency minutes were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report was approved.

Discussion on the following questions and concerns.

- Reviewed comments from the City of Monroe Common Council meeting of April 13, 2020. There were some pointed questions asked by some members of the City of Monroe Common Council such as how the City came up with the sum to be charged to the MRFD for the proposed five year contract set to renew July 1, 2020; certain members of the City of Monroe Common Council wished to stick with the equalized value formula that had been drafted and were not concerned by losing the money that they received from the MRFD for the contracted fire protection in the Town of Clarno and Town of Monroe; also asked would the City of Monroe Fire Department lose firefighters if the MRFD created their own fire department.
- A discussion followed if the City of Monroe offered the MRFD a six month extension on the present contract, the MRFD may opt to accept an extension but not necessarily.
- Reviewed the resolution drafted by Attorney Mark Schroeder of the Consigny Law Firm stating that it is to be added the MRFD will provide coverage (fire protection) to both Clarno and Monroe Municipalities; change under IV add all MRFD equipment owned; change under VI (a) that Commission will consist of elected town board members; change under VII meetings from monthly to semi- annual; add under IX (b) one million dollars; change under XI that any dissolution and withdraw would have to be unanimous. Motion by Todd Hasse to approve changes to the Intergovernmental Agreement Resolution for the MRFD. Chad Spotts seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Todd Hasse updated on the following; he and Nick Bartels had purchased a pumper truck from Wisconsin Surplus and were in the progress of doing updates, they would be willing to sell the pumper truck to the MRFD for \$15,000.00 and that if a 750 gallon poly tank at \$7,000.00 were to be added to the truck along with some additional updates (new gear and truck apparatus) at a cost of approximately \$3,000.00 the MRFD would have a pumper truck at an estimated total cost of \$25,000.00. Also there is an additional (ladder) truck that has been offered to the MRFD for \$12,000.00. There has been an auto accident agreement with the Orangeville and Monticello Fire Departments for any highway accidents that assistance may be need.

Todd Hasse updated that Nick Bartels, Andy Kubly, Tom Burkhalter and Chad Pfund have agreed to serve as Officers of the MRFD. And that an article will be placed in the Monroe Evening Times that the MRFD will be accepting applications for firefighters.

Being there was no further business, motion by Mike Lambert to adjourn at 10:05 p.m., Chad Spotts seconded the motion. Motion approved. The next meeting is set for May 20th, 6:30 p.m., at the Monroe Town Hall.

Jim Rutledge

Secretary/Treasurer Monroe Rural Fire District