

Villages of Walworth and Fontana
Ad Hoc Joint Services Committee Meeting
October 30, 2008
5:00 P.M.

Chair Matt Long called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. Present Nordmeyer, O'Connell, Petersen, Long. Also present Chief Severt, Chief Long, Chief Nitsch, Rhonda Schwartz, Joe Abell, Rob Ireland. Absent: Simonson and Spadoni.

Long reported that, at the last Walworth Board meeting, President Watters made a motion to have the consolidation agreement in place 10/1/09 and ready to go 1/1/10. Watters wanted Walworth to show its firm commitment to this needed service. Walworth Finance Committee talked about paid-on-premise option. It will be a referendum question on the April ballot next year. If it passes, Walworth will look at implementing it then. If it doesn't pass, Walworth will look at other options. Petersen thinks in today's economic climate getting a referendum passed will be difficult. Nordmeyer noted that getting one passed on roads would be more difficult than one on a fire/rescue proposal. POP could have an earlier start date, but both that and consolidation would be up and running by January 2010. Petersen asked if this means consolidation depends on referendum approval for POP? No, per Nordmeyer. He noted that, because of levy limits, we couldn't put POP in the budget and stay within our 2% levy limits. If the referendum doesn't pass, Finance will look at other ways to fund it. Severt noted we are looking at two different things—POP and consolidation—and they're not dependent on one another.

Following up on a question from the last meeting, Long noted that the clerk had checked with the League regarding the model agreement we're following from Bloomfield/Genoa City that says both a Board of Directors and a Commission will be formed. Attorney Silverman replied that all we need is the commission, Board of Directors is optional. Severt was going to check with Brad Poltermann on the appendix. Brad had their new chief email the Appendix to Kelly.

McConnell/Petersen motion to approve minutes from 10/30 meeting carried by ayes.

Next meeting will be 11/10 at 5:00. Clerk will ask for response from committee members on whether or not they plan to attend. We will plan to have sample fire/rescue document from Hayden and input from Fontana Board following their 11/3 meeting.

McConnell/Peterson motion to adjourn carried by ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Schut, Clerk

