

**PROCEEDING OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE TOWN OF VERNON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
VILLAGE OF BIG BEND BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
Monday, October 12, 2009
7:00 PM
Town of Vernon
W249S8910 Center Dr.**

1. CALL TO ORDER. Chairperson Michalek called the meeting to order 7:00 p.m.
2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG.
3. MOMENT OF SILENCE.
4. ROLL CALL. Chairperson Michalek, Supervisors Reilly, Bird, Craig, Barikmo, Clerk Kumershek and Chief Buchholtz.
5. OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLIANCE CHECK. Chairperson Michalek asked the Clerk if the agenda was properly noticed. Clerk Kumershek stated the Town of Vernon is in compliance pursuant to the open meetings law requirement.
6. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS. The following matters will be discussed and possible action taken by the Town Board.
 - a. 2010 Fire Board Budget
 - b. 2010 Fire Department Budget.

Chairman Michalek stated the order of business. He stated our budget reflects a difference of \$5,710 lower than the approved Fire Department budget. The Town of Vernon Board asked questions of Chief Buchholtz. Chief Buchholtz explained the duties of position personnel #1 and personnel #2, both positions are Fire Fighter and Paramedics. Chief Buchholtz explained the coverage of these positions. Supervisor Bird asked how the vacancy of personnel #2 was filled. Chief Buchholtz stated part time position filled in for the full time position. President Soneberg explained the percentage of the Fire Fighters benefits for Wisconsin Retirement System. Chief Buchholtz stated that personnel #2 should be filled in 3 or 4 months.

Chairperson Michalek explained there was a total reduction of \$5,170 in the Fire Board and Fire Department Budget. The \$5,170 included \$4,000 legal fees and \$1,710 for insurance. The discussion between the boards continued on specifically concerning \$1,710 on insurance. President Soneberg explained legal fees were a recommendation from their Attorney. President Soneberg felt legal fees should be in the budget, and if they wanted to use the money they would have to request it from both. President Soneberg stated we could attach a letter of understanding if there is a need to draw from that money. Supervisor Bird stated they can always make a call to their attorneys, without having \$4,000 in their budget.

President Soneberg passed out a copy of the draft Governor's Budget Bill stated that a municipality could not pass a budget for emergency services lower than the previous year without approval from the Department of Revenue. The consequences would be a reduction in state shared revenues.

MOTION Chairperson Michalek moved to recess, seconded by Supervisor Reilly, motion carried.

MOTION Chairperson Michalek moved to reconvene, seconded by Supervisor Barikmo, motion carried.

Chairperson Michalek reviewed the Governors budget issue with Attorney Macy. Chairperson Michalek stated there are a number of municipalities wrestling with this issue. Chairperson Michalek stated the legal fees could be taken out of the budget.

MOTION Chairperson Michalek moved to let President Shea speak, seconded by Craig, motion carried.

Carol Shea stated the Boards have wasted more time over \$5,170 and we have been here over two hours. We as a Fire Board are very conscious and we are expected to answer to the Town and the Village. \$2,000 is only going to allow us a phone call then we will come back to the boards for direction.

MOTION Chairperson Michalek moved to close comments by President Shea, seconded by Supervisor Barikmo, motion carried.

The Village of Big Bend and the Town of Vernon discussed different options to deal with the legal fees.

MOTION Chairperson Michalek moved to amend the line item legal, to legal fees - paid to municipalities, seconded by Supervisor Barikmo, motion carried.

President Soneberg does not agree with that premise. He feels that we need to leave the legal fees in the budget. The Town of Vernon feels the Fire Board should not have a line item for legal fees. President Soneberg stated the communities do have attorneys on staff that can be consulted. The differences between the Village and the Town are legal fees and insurance.

MOTION Trustee Craig moved to strike the legal fees from the approved budget, motion failed for lack of second.

MOTION Chairperson Michalek moved to strike legal fees from the budget, seconded by Supervisor Reilly, motion carried.

MOTION Trustee moved to adjourn, seconded by motion carried.

5. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION Trustee Heinemann moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Treichel, motion carried.

MOTION Chairperson Michalek moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Reilly, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Marie Kumershek
Town of Vernon Clerk

APPROVED:
As printed ()
With amendments ()

Frederick Michalek, Chairperson

Date: _____

