

**Joint Meeting of the  
Lodi Area Fire Department/Lodi Area Emergency Medical Services/  
Town of Lodi Board/City of Lodi Council/Town of West Point Board Meeting Minutes  
October 11, 2017**

**\*Town of Lodi minutes**

**1. Call to order:**

(b) Town of Lodi – Board members present: Tom Marx, James Brooks, James Bechen, Robert Benson. Absent: Jon Plumer. Also present: Roberta Arnold, Jerome Williams, Bob Collins, Richard “Tac” Ness,

**2. LAFD:**

(a) Purchase of SCBA’s: Chief Annen – our current SCBA’s have to be out of service by March of 2018. We’ve applied for a grant, but I believe with FEMA have been diverted to hurricane and other disaster relief I don’t believe we will get any FEMA funds. We’d like to know if the municipalities would like us to use the monies in the Equipment Fund to order them now? The ones we’re looking to order are made in Wisconsin. Life on these tanks is 15 years.

Marx – if we have enough money in that fund to cover the cost of the required SCBA’s I can see no reason to borrow and pay interest. When do we need to have to purchase the next truck? Annen – 5 years. Bilkey – we’re not getting rich over the interest this money is earning right now. Brooks – what about replacing the brush truck? Annen – it only has 9,000 miles on it, is in good mechanical and body condition, so I see no reason to replace it at this time. Benson – I agree we should use the money in the equipment fund.

Bechen – where has the money come from that’s in the equipment fund? Annen – in 2012 when the last truck was paid for, we continued after that to budget for an equipment fund even though no loan payment due each year for a truck.

*Bechen/Benson motion to authorize the LAFD to use funds from the Equipment Fund to purchase SCBA’s as required; MC 4-0.*

Annen – some of the masks we currently have on our SCBA’s are still usable, and the Arlington Fire Dept. uses the same kind of masks. Don’t know if I could sell our good ones to them. Bilkey – they could be auctioned off through the State of Wisconsin Surplus.net.

(b) 2018 Budget: Annen – the only update is that the amount in the Equipment Fund has been removed and the levy for each municipality recalculated. With the monies left in the budget it would be a 3% levy increase, with the monies removed the levy ends up being a 19% decrease.

(c) Action on 2018 Budget: Point. (2) Town of Lodi: *Benson/Bechen motion to approve as amended since last meeting, levy set at \$43,910; MC 4-0.* Note: approved by City of Lodi, approved by the Town of West.

**3. LAEMS:**

(a) 2018 Budget: Schafer – nothing has changed in our 2018 proposed budget since the last meeting. I have provided reports requested.

Benson – when you look simply at the budget it looks like a normal levy increase of 4%. But then when you look at the fact that the levy no longer includes monies being set aside for equipment, and we add continuing to put monies aside in our own budgets for equipment, then our increase ends up being more than a 40% increase.

Bechen – what I'd like to see in the financials you present are the actual revenues and expenditures for the past couple of years. Schafer – I did present them at the last meeting.

In the future it'd be nice to see previous closed years actual expenses and revenues, and projected for the current year.

Brooks – I don't like this budget at all, but life safety is important.

(b) Action on 2018 Budget: (2) Town of Lodi: approved. *Benson/Brooks motion to approve, levy; MC 4-0.* Note: City of Lodi approved; Town of West Point approved.

4. **Set date, time and location of 2018 Joint meeting:** Brooks – I think we need more meetings preparing these budgets, with an early meeting, so that we don't get hit with unexpected budget increases. Jim Ness – sometime in July might be good because then LAFD and LAEMS could have their actual figures for the first 2 quarters of 2018.

Wednesday, July 25, 2018 @ 6:00 pm at Lodi City Hall.

## 5. Adjournment:

(c) Town of Lodi: *Benson/Brooks motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm; MC 4-0.*

April D. Goeske  
Clerk-Treasurer