

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARDS OF
OCONOMOWOC LAKE AND SUMMIT, held on Monday, November 7, 2011,
Unofficial until approved by the Village Board.
Approved as written (X) or with corrections () on 11/21/2011.**

A special meeting of the Boards of Trustees of the Village of Oconomowoc Lake and the Village of Summit was held on November 7, 2011, commencing at 5:30 p.m., at the Village Hall, 35328 W. Pabst Road, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Legal requirements for notification as required by law have been met. Roll was taken with the following in attendance:

VILLAGE OF OCONOMOWOC LAKE TRUSTEES	VILLAGE OF SUMMIT TRUSTEES
Joseph L. Birbaum, President	Jack Riley, President
Michael Bickler	Kraig Arenz
David Falstad	Jim Breen
Jeff Fellows	Dave Zimmermann
Paul Fischer	
Joe Owens	
Chris Shult	

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Summit Fire Commissioners Matt Dinnauer, Kathy Wentland, and Don Wiemer; Village of Summit Administrator Henry Elling; Oconomowoc Lake Village Clerk Cindy J. Schlieve; Oconomowoc Lake Village Attorney John Macy; Dousman Fire Department Commissioners George Morris and Bob Buth; Summit Fire Department members Russell Schneiderwent, Jr., LaVerne Bleifuss, Steve Pflanzler, and Don Desens; Dousman Fire Department Chief Steve Totzke; City of Oconomowoc Fire Department Deputy Chief Glenn Leidel; and, Village of Summit resident Len Susa

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING OPTIONS FOR THE FIRE AND AMBULANCE SERVICE

Mr. Wiemer provided a power point presentation that was prepared from the research done by the merger sub-committee. The presentation addressed the eight points previously noted as most important in the consideration of a merger and the financial differences between the various options that could be chosen by both or either of the two municipalities. A copy of the power point presentation is attached to these minutes. Mr. Riley provided an additional summary of all of the financial differences between the various options (attached).

Mr. Fischer questioned how the Town of Ottawa and Village of Dousman felt about merging with Summit and the Village of Oconomowoc Lake. Chief Totzke, Dousman Fire Department, stated that a meeting of the Dousman Fire District Commission had taken place and the majority of members were in favor of a merger.

Discussion followed regarding the options available to each municipality, the financial ramifications, and the timing for accomplishing a merger.

Mr. Macy noted that at least one of the two municipalities must give notice to disband the Summit Fire District by December 31, 2011, per the existing documentation. Additionally, both municipalities need to make a decision regarding which ambulance service they intend to contract with for 2012. Both Summit and Oconomowoc Lake currently contract with the Oconomowoc Fire Department, which requires a 30-day notice if a municipality chooses to discontinue its contract. Mr. Arenz noted that the Village of Summit had already taken action on that matter. Mr. Wiemer noted that the Village of Oconomowoc Lake Board of Trustees will have two or possibly three contracts to review at its regular monthly meeting on November 21, 2011 (City of Oconomowoc, Lake Country Fire, and possibly Dousman Fire District).

The Trustees summarized the outstanding issues as follows.

1. Determine what will be the ultimate representation with the Dousman Fire District.
2. The costs for Oconomowoc Lake noted in the presentation assumed borrowing 100% of funds needed for capitol expenses over 10 years on day one. That is not what Village of Oconomowoc Lake will do. Mr. Fischer will recalculate the costs to reflect when the Village of Oconomowoc Lake would need the funds.
3. Resolve the issues of phase-in with the Dousman Fire District.
4. Determine the options for governance with the various departments.

The Village of Oconomowoc Lake Trustees noted that they are expecting to receive additional information from the Okauchee Fire Department and would not make any decisions until that information has been received and reviewed.

Village of Summit Motion

Motion (Arenz/Zimmerman) to recommend to the Village of Summit and the Summit Fire District that the Village move forward with plans to merge with the Dousman Fire District, based on the proposal from the Dousman Fire District, as soon as feasibly possible, and with matters of governance and phase-in being resolved, *Carried Unanimously*.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion being heard, a motion (Bickler/Shult) to adjourn the joint meeting at 7:00 p.m., *Carried Unanimously*.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved and ordered posted by:

Cindy J. Schlieve, Clerk-Treasurer

Michael J. Bickler, Sr., Trustee