

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2021 SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF WINCHESTER, VILAS COUNTY**

Chairman Discianno called the meeting to order at 8:00AM on Friday October 8, 2021 at the Winchester Town Hall. Those present were Chairman Discianno, Supervisor Whitney, Supervisor Grimmer, Clerk Wainio and Fire Chief John Melzer.

Supervisor Grimmer motioned to approve the agenda at the discretion of the chair which Supervisor Whitney seconded. The motion was approved on a 3-0 vote.

Old Business

1) **2022 Budget Discussion:** Chief Melzer reviewed the vehicle inventory of the Fire Department, prioritized the replacement needs and costs as follows:

- A. Engine 1 approximate replacement cost \$460,000—useful life 15+years
- Ambulance approximate replacement cost \$250,000—preferred turnover in 5 years
- Self-contained breathing apparatus approximate cost \$80,000
- Epoxy coating of original section of Fire Station—approximate cost \$40,000 available through Action Flooring of Mercer
- New exit driveway to Hwy W
- B. Brush Truck approximate replacement cost \$100,000 for F450
- C. Water rescue boat
- D. Ranger—another 8-year usefulness

The board requested Chief Melzer spec out a new Ambulance, follow through on the specifications for Engine 1 to plan better.

Chief Melzer informed the board of the continuing problems with the plumbing in both new bathrooms. The board gave Mr. Melzer the authority to contact a plumber for the repairs.

New Business

At 9:02AM the Town Board went into closed session under SS 19.85(c).

The Board reconvened into open session at 11:15 AM and reported they reviewed the job performance, expectations and feedback from employees Don Melzer, Joe Moll and Bill Sell. The Town Crew does not believe the Town needs the grader and should sell it and also would like a new backhoe.

After completing employee reviews, the board continued their discussions of the 2022 budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Wainio, Town Clerk