

**TOWN OF OCONOMOWOC
FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Administrator/Planner Jeffrey Herrmann called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Committee members present included Town Board Supervisor Erik Mullett, Town Board Supervisor VJ Scully, William Lincoln, Jo Goralski, and Rosie Rutkowski. The following members of the public were present: Ken Herro.

1. **Public Comments.**

None.

2. **Approve Minutes from March 19, 2024.** – Committee Member Lincoln made the motion to approve the March 19, 2024, minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Committee Member Rutkowski and passed unanimously.

3. **Discussion of Ownership on Western Lakes Fire District.** – Committee member Lincoln went through some of the proposed changes being considered by the ownership committee. Those changes included approval of budget increase less than 3 percent would require majority vote, budget increase more than 3 percent would require a super majority vote. There were also changes being discussed about when payments would be paid by the municipalities to Western Lake Fire District and what amount (percentage) would be required.

4. **Discussion on future Fire Fee for the Town of Oconomowoc.** – The Administrator/Planner asked Ray Koscak from Catalis Appraisal to join the meeting to discuss the number of single-family homes, duplexes, condominium's, etc. Ray was able to show a spreadsheet of appraisal information on the large screen and then went through the data with the committee. One item that the assessor does not have is the information on square footage of exempt properties. That is something the Assessor would need to collect and there would be a charge to the Town for that information. Ray will check on a price and let the Town know. The Committee, along with Ken Herro, discussed the methodology that should be implemented when assigning the fire fee. Many ideas were discussed, ex. Fire fee based on Roof Top, Square Footage, etc. The committee will continue to explore different options. The Committee asked Administrator/Planner Herrmann to get a copy of the City of Delafield's Fire Fee Ordinance for discussion at the next meeting.

5. **Set Next Meeting Date.** – The next meeting date is set for April 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

6. **Adjourn.** – Committee member Lincoln made a motion to adjourn at 12:05 p.m., the motion was seconded by Committee Member Mullett and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted –
Jeffrey Herrmann, AICP
Administrator-Planner