

**Whitewater Township Board
Minutes of Regular Meeting held January 10, 2017**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Popp called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Hall, 5777 Vinton Road, Williamsburg, Michigan, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Board Members

Board Members present: Benak, Goss, Hubbell, Lawson, Popp

Board Members absent: None

Others present: MMR Director of Northern Operations Nick Bernelis, County Commissioner Carol Crawford, and 4 others

Set/Adjust Meeting Agenda

Popp would like to pull out the Revenue/Expense report for a couple questions.

Benak would like to pull out the Supervisor report for a question.

Added as New Business #3.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

None

Public Comment

None

Public Hearing

None

Reports/Presentations/Announcements/Comments

County Board of Commissioners Report

Carol Crawford gave the following report:

- Last week, the new Board of Commissioners (BOC) met and elected Crawford as chair and Ron Clous as vice chair.
- They went over some board rules and housekeeping things, got people assigned to boards and committees.
- Their next step is to have some strategic planning sessions to make clear to the administrator and his staff the direction the board would like to go in.

There were no questions for Commissioner Crawford.

County Road Commissioner Report – No one is present from the Road Commission.

Mobile Medical Response Report

Nick Bernelis gave the following report:

- For the month of December, there were 17 calls. The busiest time of the day was between 11:00 and 11:59 a.m.
- Type of calls: 1 breathing problem, 1 burn, 2 convulsions, 5 sick persons, 7 traffic accidents, and 1 traumatic injury.
- Response times are good for this month and throughout the year. It was a pretty busy year, 172 calls total in Whitewater Township, 15 in Grand Traverse County.
- There was one concern about MMR's lights being on during an accident scene where a firefighter was injured. Jim was on the call; he assured me his lights were on at the scene. Pictures show the MMR rig was lit up.

Goss noted that water testing for the portable housing unit will be done soon; she will forward the report to Bernelis as soon as it is received.

Bernelis stated Charter is on standby and the radio guys are ready to go.

Bernelis also noted there is a new employee in the area, Joel Yonkman, who is a very seasoned paramedic, about 20 years. He has a degree in emergency management. Bernelis stated they are fully staffed here in Whitewater.

Planning Commission Report

Lloyd Lawson gave the following report:

- The PC meeting was last Wednesday. It was a good, productive meeting, with four members present. Dean chaired the meeting.
- Regarding the board's request that Lawson check PC policies and procedures regarding appointments and how they are handled, it is not in the PC bylaws. Lawson thinks it is at the township board level.
- They did nominations. Hooper was nominated for rep to ZBA, to replace Lyons. Mangus was nominated chair, Dean was nominated vice chair, and secretary is on hold until more members are present.
- There were minor updates to the bylaws. The agenda will be made for the next meeting at the end of each meeting. The agenda will be modified to show a new business item 12 and the other numbers will be shifted. At every meeting, they will set up all items for the next agenda. MacLean said she could make the changes, or send to Goss. Lawson will send the red line copy to Goss. Also, section 3, paragraph E (of the bylaws), add "or recording secretary, if requested" after "Zoning Administrator," allowing the recording secretary to help put together the agenda and packet. Regarding compensation to the recording secretary for assisting with the agenda/packet, the Planning Commission recommends an hourly rate of \$25.

Discussion followed concerning compensating the Planning Commission recording secretary for time spent on the PC packet and agenda and when it would start. Consensus was reached that this topic should be added to the Township Board's agenda.

Lawson stated a couple members would like to get a copy of the PC's budget and would like to be advised when the PC budget will be discussed by the Township Board as they would like to attend.

Goss will email the budget to all PC members.

Lawson stated the next Planning Commission meeting is February 1. One of the subjects they will be discussing is permissive versus non-permissive or prohibitory.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Report

Cheryl Goss gave the following report:

- Goss had another commitment and was not able to attend last night's meeting.
- The PRAC is working to finalize some quotes for installing a viewing platform and signage at Battle Creek Natural Area and also for dugouts at Hi Pray Park for budget purposes.
- The two grates for the BCNA dam have been fabricated and are in Dennis Leach's possession, awaiting weather conducive to installation.
- The Danger Unsafe Ice sign will be picked up on Thursday and installed soon.
- Some recent information came through about DNR grant workshops. This was passed on to all members of the PRAC. The closest one is in Cadillac.
- There is an item under New Business regarding Hi Pray Park playground equipment, which can be discussed at that point.

Consent Calendar

Receive and File

1. Supervisor's Report for December 2016
2. Clerk/Parks & Recreation Administrator Report for December 2016/January 2017
3. Zoning Administrator's Report for December 2016 (none)
4. Mobile Medical Response December 2016 Activity Reports
5. Grand Traverse Rural Fire Chief's Activity Report 11/10/2016 to 12/15/2016
6. Treasurer's Bank Accounts, Cash Balance, and Interest Reports for October and November 2016
7. Approved 10/10/2016 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
8. Approved 11/14/2016 Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes
9. Approved 12/07/2016 Planning Commission Minutes

Correspondence

1. Grand Traverse County Sheriff Department Statistics for December 2016 (none)
2. Grand Traverse Rural Fire Board REVISED Minutes of Regular Meeting 10/19/2016
3. Grand Traverse Rural Fire Board DRAFT Minutes of Regular Meeting 11/16/2016
4. Grand Traverse Rural Fire Board DRAFT Minutes of Special Meeting 11/29/2016
5. E-mail 12/14/2016 Green Lake Township Official Letter of Withdrawal from Rural Fire and Equipment Purchase Option Agreement

Minutes

1. Recommend approval of 12/13/2016 regular meeting minutes

Bills for Approval

1. Approval of Alden State Bank vouchers # 41321 through 41385

2. Approval of First Community Bank Miami Beach vouchers # (none)
3. Approval of First Community Bank WMDLS vouchers # (none)

Budget Amendments (none)

Revenue & Expenditure Report – Revenue as of 11/30/2016, Expense as of 12/31/2016

Popp asked to hold off on approval of the Consent Calendar until after we go through the revenue/expense.

Goss noted she would like to make a correction on page 81 of the electronic packet, under Planning Commission, i.e., RPF should be corrected to RFP.

(See page 2828 for Consent Calendar approval.)

Unfinished Business

Review Emergency Services Building Renovations

Popp stated his last discussion with Pressel and the drafts person was that it was going back to engineering (Pressel). There were two other buildings like this that had similar issues. Popp stated he has a couple unreturned phone calls to Pressel, as well as an unreturned email. Popp thinks Rudy had some correspondence with the engineer in between times. Popp wonders if Pressel is going to have time to provide oversight.

In answer to Goss's question, Popp stated, to his knowledge, the plans have not been amended according to plan review. It is Popp's thought that Pressel does not have any time available for us.

Goss stated she had an email with Rudy, who stated that Pressel found out that the whole building does not have to be sprinkled, that the firewall would be beefed up around the bedrooms.

Popp stated that is a proposal, but he does not believe plan review has accepted that yet.

Goss stated we need to get that straightened out; we need to get the drawings back to plan review and keep moving on this.

Popp stated he is looking for a different engineer who might be able to provide oversight. He has put a couple feelers out to see if someone is interested in such a small project.

Goss stated she received an email quite a while back indicating what Pressel was going to charge. Goss stated we need to get him on the phone and find out exactly what he understands we would like him to do, and get a definite yes or no. Goss does not want to be looking for another engineer if Pressel is still interested in doing it. Goss would like to hear directly from him that he does not have the time to do this, because his name is on the plans. Until we have heard from him that he does not want to do it, we should not be looking for someone else.

Benak inquired of the likelihood that one engineer is going to oversee another engineer's plans, because then they become liable.

Popp stated it happens all the time. In fact, it is preferred. It is third-party verification.

Goss stated she would like some communication from Pressel, in writing preferably, to the whole board stating what his game plan is.

Popp thinks Pressel's time is busy.

Goss stated she assumes most engineers are busy.

Regarding the portable trailer, Goss reported that a hefty bill was received for setup costs, which was not discussed with either Benak or herself. It will be brought to the board for approval at the next meeting. The bill for first month rent, \$1,350, was also received and has been paid. Goss noted Excel has been very responsive to a couple issues at the unit. This is the fourth trailer they have installed at a fire department. The township is getting quite a break on the monthly price, which is usually \$2,100 a month when placed at an oil well site.

Goss also reported on details of the temporary electrical installation and the water hookup and testing for the portable housing unit.

Goss inquired of Popp as to the status of purchase of the rail property.

Popp replied that the guy is retiring.

Brief discussion followed.

It was agreed that Popp will draw up a purchase agreement and get it to the appropriate person.

Review Whitewater Township Planning & Zoning Fees

Popp stated that he and Zoning Administrator Weinzapfel need to get together on this agenda item.

Rural Fire Update

Popp drew the board's attention to page 195 of the electronic packet (page 2 of the Consultant's Report), paragraph 2, the recommendation that Rural Fire convert to Act 57, and electronic page 196 (page 3 of the Consultant's Report), paragraph 10, the recommendation that Rural Fire establish metrics for dispatch that meet NFPA standards for communication centers.

Popp stated metrics is used as standard, level of service. Popp stated he has reported this issue to Carol Crawford and opened up talks with Gregg Bird, the chairman of the 911 board, to find out what they are doing about their issues.

Popp also drew the board's attention to:

- Electronic page 196 (page 3 Consultant's Report), paragraph 15, water supplies and installation of cisterns.
- Page 197 (page 4 Consultant's Report), paragraph 17, GTRFD should work with the municipalities about adopting regulation that requires the installation of a cistern if there are three or more homes in the development.
- Page 200 (page 7 Consultant's Report), talking about how currently the fire and EMS departments are not integrated in any of the districts. Fife Lake has two separate bodies, but they are working closely together.
- Page 224 (page 31 Consultant's Report), inadequacy of current stations.
- Page 249 (page 56 Consultant's Report), section 7, second paragraph, response times, and continuing on page 57 of the report.
- Page 254 (page 61 Consultant's Report), where it talks about percentile dispatch and response times.

Discussion followed.

Regarding the bad metrics for dispatch, Popp stated he will be meeting with Gregg Bird.

Popp stated we have some work to do to educate our residents as to what do they think they are getting and what are we actually delivering to them.

Referencing page 259 of the electronic packet (page 66 Consultant's Report), it states Whitewater Township had the most calls and accounted for 22% of all Rural's calls. Green Lake had the second highest total with 21%. These are dispatches that Rural Fire is responding to.

Electronic page 256, Consultant Report page 63, shows calls by type and says Rural Fire received 399 calls for service during the year studied.

Electronic page 276, Consultant Report page 83, shows 90th percentile response times of first arriving unit. The data came from Grand Traverse County Central Dispatch.

Popp stated the only things that we can change are the dispatch times and the turnout times listed on page 276.

Popp asked: What do our people expect and how much do they want to pay? No matter if we stay with Rural or do something different, it is going to be money. Rural operates on 0.72 mill. Blair is at 3. Metro is 2.5 or 2.7. We are getting away cheap.

Benak is concerned about all the millages that have been added to our tax bills in the last three years; how much more can you ask our citizens to pay.

It was pointed out that the data in the Consultant Report is 1-2 years old.

Benak also noticed that it feels like every chance this consultant got, he slammed MMR and whatever township they are in, putting the opinions of firefighters in there as statements of fact, which concerns Benak about the legitimacy of the whole thing. It feels like there is a definite

agenda to push everything to EMS/fire. Benak is concerned that at some point Whitewater Township is going to have to make a choice, and is concerned, going through the Rural Fire (RF) meeting minutes, that some of the comments Popp has made are directly in conflict with what this board has decided. Benak is concerned that when Popp goes to the RF meetings, he is not necessarily representing this board as a whole; he is representing his personal feelings, opinions, and thoughts. Benak is concerned about some of the comments where Popp says “my board says this, but that’s not the way I feel.”

Popp stated he has a dual role at Rural Fire. The dual role and the conflict is what is best for the department as a whole.

Benak noted that Popp was elected to represent Whitewater Township residents.

Popp stated we have both responsibilities there as supervisors. There has to be a balance struck there. Part of the reason Rural has gotten the stigma that they are unable to do anything is because the supervisors have said this is my township and this is what we are going to do with my station. But it’s not any township’s station. We own the physical building, but the fire personnel do not work for us; they work for the Rural Fire department.

Benak stated she went to Rural Fire board meetings before Popp came on board and saw the dysfunction, and it had nothing to do with “this is my station” and everything to do with there were two supervisors who ran everything and everybody else did not want to do any of the work and they just said yes and rubberstamped it. That is the dysfunction. It is years and years of not participating. However, the last six months, the members of the Rural Fire Board have participated more, by looking at their meeting minutes, than Benak has ever seen them participate. She said if you don’t believe me, go back and read their meeting minutes from four or five or six years ago; you will see what I am saying; their meeting minutes could fit on one piece of paper. So it is not necessarily that you have differences of opinion, which is a good thing. It is not that we take community pride, this is our fire station, these are our firemen, because Rural Fire is ours. That is the way we are looking at it; we are not separating it. Benak does not think that is the problem. She thinks the problem is that, to her, the cost associated with pushing this EMS/fire station combined down people’s throats that they cannot financially handle. The consultant says throughout the whole report that it is not the money, the money is there. Our money is tied up for the next four years; we committed to an outside ambulance service that, as far as Benak knows, is doing a good job for our township citizens. We cannot go back on our financial obligation.

Popp stated he is not advocating that we do that. This is going to be a long-term solution. Some stations within the Rural department in some townships will have an easier time, but all three stations left in Rural have a unique ambulance service as well as Rural Fire. Kingsley has a privately run non-profit, just like MMR, but it is a BLS service run by local people, not a downstate firm. Fife Lake is the same way, but it is run by the township and is under township board control.

The key points of further discussion on this agenda item were as follows:

- Some of the other townships only staff their stations eight hours a day.

- Whitewater Township's voters stepped up to support 24/7 ALS ambulance service.
- The current agreement with Rural Fire does not allow for EMS.
- Public Act 57 would give Rural Fire the authority to tax.
- It was represented that Metro is organized under Act 57 but does not have taxing authority and that there are two representatives from each township board.

Popp stated we are going to have to make some decisions within the next year of what we want our fire department to look like. If we operate a separate system, we are going to need 2 mills for fire, and we are going to probably need close to 2 mills for ambulance.

Hubbell stated you cannot go back to the people until you have a plan. As long as he is sitting on the board, he is not voting for Rural Fire to bring in EMS. He also thinks it may be time to start looking very seriously at getting out of Rural Fire. He stated this has been going on for years. He stated he sees this whole thing unraveling. He feels like we are wasting our time, spinning our wheels.

Popp would like to find out from the board how do we start rolling this information out to the people. For ambulance, we drew up a document and laid out what was happening.

Lawson suggested that a broad spectrum township survey be done, including questions for the PC, EMS, fire, and other township stuff.

Benak suggested it could be put in the spring newsletter.

Goss stated she is not sure she even agrees with that. When people call 911, they want the ambulance to get there as soon as possible, the same with the fire department. They do not care how the fire or ambulance people get there, and they do not want to pay an arm and a leg for it.

General discussion followed concerning putting together some information for the public, with possibly some questions.

Popp then asked: What are we doing about our special assessment district? Do we want to take a look at voter-supported millage, or do we want to hang onto the special assessment district?

Benak suggested that, since it is almost 9:00 p.m., discussion of the special assessment be brought to another meeting.

There was consensus that the Consultant's Report will be taken off the agenda.

Popp inquired if fire department futuring should be put on the agenda.

Benak stated she is not sure where Rural Fire is going to go from this because, clearly, there are still too many differing opinions on the RF board, and a majority of the township boards may have a difference of opinion than their supervisor who is representing them on the board, like what Whitewater has. Benak states she understands wearing two hats when you go there, but it

complicates getting anything accomplished. Maybe we need to get all the township board members in one room.

Goss noted the Consultant's Report has 41 recommendations, some of which can be crossed off the list because they relate directly to Green Lake Township, who is no longer with Rural Fire. The Rural Fire Board has to come up with what they want to do. Popp has been told multiple times by the board that Whitewater is not going to do EMS with Rural. If Rural Fire is heading in that direction, Goss thinks Whitewater Township will be going in a different direction. A lot of money was spent on the report. There are a lot of good recommendations in there of things that should be done to run a fire department well. Goss does not know if the Rural Fire Board can get their act together to decide which way they are going to go.

Benak stated the consultant bases most of his conclusions on an EMS-based fire. We are not EMS/fire. We are fire. Maybe the Rural Fire Board should start going down through the list and getting rid of things that are obvious will not happen.

Popp stated that the agenda for January's meeting is to prioritize what is left.

Goss noted that recommendation number six is that "Grand Traverse Rural Fire should make the recruitment and retention of additional personnel one of its highest priorities." There was a recommendation somewhere that they should hire a recruitment officer. If the Rural Fire Board continues down the path of not knowing which way they are going to go, people will get tired of all the confusion and will leave.

Benak stated she wants Grand Traverse Rural Fire to be the best fire department it can possibly be. She stated she is not interested in the EMS stuff and our board is not interested in the EMS stuff. We have handled that. She stated she is interested in, and would pay more for, a better fire department. Speaking of recruitment, the consultant says our level in Station 3 is critical.

Popp admitted that no one is doing recruiting for Grand Traverse Rural Fire.

Goss stated that we need to speed up the process to get the renovation/addition project done. After that project is done, she would like to concentrate on getting a new fire station for the township and thinks we can make that happen. She believes the current building will be retained by the township and perhaps be leased out. Rural Fire needs to concentrate on fire and getting some more people. Like Benak, Goss would be willing to give some more money to Rural but not for EMS. Other townships can worry about their own EMS. Maybe they need to do what Whitewater did. They do not have the level of service that Whitewater does. Goss stated she is not getting complaints about our ambulance service, so she knows it is working. Rural needs to concentrate on fire. They have enough problems to worry about with fire, before they dive into something else that is even more complicated than fire.

Popp stated that he has let Rural know that he is the only member of the township board that sees a combined EMS and fire is the only way to move forward.

Benak inquired of Popp if, after tonight's discussion, he still feels that way.

Popp replied yes, if you want to do it most cost effective. If you are willing to buy two services, no problem. Most townships are trying to do it frugally.

Goss noted that we are doing it about as frugally as it gets here in Whitewater. Everybody is paying more than we are.

Hubbell stated we should move along with being proactive with other options for fire.

Popp noted that he will take the Consultant's Report off and we may have some statement type things, like we did with the ambulance, come back.

Ordinance 28 Miami Beach Sewer Project

Goss stated she has not had time to find a place that will copy the hardcover book but will get it done.

Baggs Road 2017 Construction Project Update

Popp reported that the Grand Traverse County Road Commission has decided to fund the project. They are also looking at making some upgrades to Lakeside Trail.

Brief discussion followed regarding how the funds are allocated.

New Business

Rural Fire Station Lease (previously tabled 08/11/2015)

Popp noted this was a request of ours when Rural Fire moved 3A2 out of the barn, put it in storage, and then put the wildfire unit where the second ambulance sat. The question arose of what does Rural Fire actually lease from Whitewater Township.

Benak inquired why it is on our agenda, since it is tabled at Rural.

Popp stated it has been kicked back out for us to act at the township level.

Benak stated she did not see that in the last two meeting minutes that she read.

Popp stated Chief Weber sent an email wanting to make sure it is on the January agenda.

Benak stated she does not want to look at it until we know what is happening with Rural Fire.

Hubbell voiced agreement.

Goss noted that she sees an issue in the first paragraph where it says "insert description of area being leased." With the building under renovation, exactly what part is Rural Fire going to be leasing?

Lawson also voiced his reluctance to enter into a lease agreement with Rural at this time.

Discussion followed concerning space considerations in the building.

Consensus was that no lease will be offered at this time.

Proposal for Playground Equipment for Hi Pray Park

Goss explained that, even though the heading on the proposal is Whitewater Township Park, all of the equipment shown is for Hi Pray Park. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee would like to utilize funds which are still available in this fiscal year to purchase some of this equipment. The updated quote is for \$16,673 (sic) for two slides and a merry-go-round. It does not include installation, the landing material, or the unloading charge. Goss noted there is approximately \$7,200 available in Capital Expenditure and \$2,000 in Contingency. This leaves a \$3,500 shortfall, which could be made up from the General Fund.

Benak stated she has submitted a 2% grant request for equipment at the campground and both ballfields, some brightly colored plastic equipment, not tubular metal, which costs more than the other stuff that people are putting in. Benak said what she quoted for Hi Pray Park came to about \$12,000 and has more playing surface area than what is proposed here for \$16,000.

Benak further stated we have until March 31 and does not see the need to rush to approve this tonight.

Discussion followed.

Consensus was reached that we will await the results of the grant request and the committee's request can be brought back at a later time.

Benak reported that she did get the second 2% grant in for the renovations of the current fire station. She used the figure in the meeting minutes of what we said we were going to expense out and added in the trailer rental and a few other things she broke out. It came to about \$186,000. She made an executive decision to ask for a 60% contribution and the township pays 40%. She included the most recent engineered plans and thinks she put a pretty good case in that this is not the end of our fire station plans; this is just to get us through, and that the building will continue to be utilized as a township facility. She stated she made sure to clearly spell out, even when we do get a new fire station or emergency services building, these renovations will not go to waste.

Board members thanked Benak for submitting the grant request.

Benak also stated she plans to update the file to show that funds were expended on a grant amount that looks like it is unspent.

Question on Supervisor Report/Correction to Minutes/Question on Revenue/Expense Report (added)

Benak referred to a statement in the Supervisor report, "I have assembled and will place upon the second January agenda information on medical marijuana rules; Whitewater has two requests for such businesses to open up." Benak inquired of Popp why he is doing that; it is the zoning

administrator's job. That goes to the Planning Commission. We already have an ordinance on it.

Popp replied that the ordinance is outdated; this is the new law. The township board has to opt in to allowing medical marijuana. It has nothing to do with zoning or planning.

Benak stated Popp's note says he is planning to put this in the Planning Commission, which is separate from notifying the board. Benak wants to know why Popp is putting himself into the Planning Commission's agenda.

Popp stated the Planning Commission will deal with the actual use of the building, which is completely separate from medical marijuana. Popp said what he is going to bring to the second meeting is strictly the law that we have to either opt in or out. The new law is written, as Popp understands, that there are no medical marijuana dispensaries allowed in the township, unless we opt in to them.

Lawson stated since it is general ordinance, we have to deal with it.

Discussion followed.

Referring to page 81 of the electronic packet (page 2800 of the 12/13/2016 minutes), under Planning Commission report, fourth line down, Goss noted that she will correct "RPF" to "RFP."

Popp had several questions on the Revenue/Expenditure report, which were answered by Goss.

Discussion occurred concerning the line item out of which the portable housing rental should be taken.

Benak stated since the unit is for MMR, more ambulance than fire, the portable rent should come out of the Ambulance Fund and should not be split.

Goss pointed out that at the point of demolition, fire will need bathroom facilities at least.

Benak said it should not be split until Rural Fire starts using it.

Goss reminded the board that MMR pays \$600 per month for rent.

Goss will prepare a budget amendment for the Building Rental line item through March.

There were several questions on the Miami Beach Sewer Fund, which is not a budgeted fund.

On another topic, Benak inquired why some of the items are highlighted on the Plan Review document.

Popp stated that those were items of concern to him.

Consent Calendar (continued)

Motion by Hubbell, second by Lawson, to approve the Consent Calendar. There was no further discussion. **Benak, yes; Goss, yes; Hubbell, yes; Lawson, yes; Popp, yes. Motion carried.**

Tabled Items**Review Administrative Policy Section 5 (tabled 10/14/2014)**

This agenda item will remain tabled.

Review Ordinance 22 Pension Plan (tabled 10/25/2016)

This agenda item will remain tabled.

Board Comments/Discussion

Lawson asked that the Planning Commission bylaws, when updated, be placed on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

With regard to fire extinguisher checks (discussed at a previous meeting), Lawson stated it is once a year. On a construction site, they are required to be inspected monthly.

Popp will supply NFPA 10.

Lawson reported that he has been nominated and appointed to the Grand Traverse County Board of Public Works.

Lawson was congratulated on his appointment.

Goss stated she still has not received the questions/answers and attorney opinion regarding the private road ordinance and requested that it be provided this week.

Announcements

Next meeting is January 24, 2017.

Public Comment

Tim Shaffer, 5309 Moore Road, stated the Rural Fire Board needs to present a guideline of what they expect from the townships that are in Rural Fire, out of the consultant report. Instead of us trying to tell them what to do, let them tell us what they want from us. Shaffer inquired of the next Rural Fire meeting date.

Popp believes it is January 18th.

Shaffer also stated he asked for and received information from a rural fire inspector that they are hitting all fire stations as commercial buildings, which means you are going to follow all the rules for commercial buildings. Fire extinguishers have to be inspected on a monthly basis.

Brief discussion followed.

Adjournment

Motion by Lawson, second by Hubbell, to adjourn. On voice vote, all those present voted in favor, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Goss
Whitewater Township Clerk