



REVISED AMBULANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 23, 2024 at 6 PM

Kronenwetter Municipal Center - 1582 Kronenwetter Drive Board Room (Lower Level)

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Rick Smith called the October 23, 2024 Ambulance Subcommittee Meeting to order at 6 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance were invited to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT: Rick Smith, Trustee Alex Vedvik (phone), Pat Kilsdonk, Laura Berry, Pam Kijak, Judy Fries

ABSENT: Terry Lewis-Birkett

STAFF: Fire Chief Theresa O'Brien, EMS Coordinator Alexa Kufalk, Clerk Jennifer Poyer

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Kindelberger, 1905 Deerwood Trail, Kronenwetter, WI – Rick Smith read an email thread submitted by Kindelberger. The emails included Kindelberger's communication with James Small. (The emails are attached.)

Bernie Kramer, 2150 E. State Hwy 153, Peplin, WI–Kramer spoke on the communications from James Small and his response regarding the Grand Chute and Portage ambulance projects. He also mentioned the communication from Riverside and the recent action of their vote in passing a 2% increase each year for a 5 year contract.

Theresa O'Brien, 1825 Pine Road – O'Brien spoke to the chastiment she and her staff have received from social media, etc. since the ambulance service proposal. She said the referendum would let the entire Village speak on whether they wanted a Village ambulance service. She spoke to the reasoning behind the ambulance service and her department's devotion to the Village regardless of the passage of the ambulance service.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Discussion & Possible Action: Approval of the October 2, 2024 Ambulance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Motion by Kilsdonk/Kijak to approve the October 2, 2024 Ambulance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion: In-depth Review of Ambulance Proposal

B. Discussion: Kronenwetter Ambulance Staff Compensation Scenarios

C. Discussion and Possible Action: Village Ambulance Service Referendum Question

Motion by Vedvik/Kijak to ask the Village Board for approval for the access to the Village attorney and for attorney to attend the next Ambulance Subcommittee meeting in order to advise committee in crafting a referendum question. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

Discussed the creation of a referendum question. Members agreed it needs to have exact numbers, capital costs, be very clear, etc. They agreed the attorney should review the question.

D. Discussion and Possible Action: Alternatives and Scope of Potential Third-Party Review of Ambulance Service Options

Motion by Vedvik/Berry to recommend to the Village Board that the decision regarding contract of ambulance service not be made prior to a third party review of all ambulance service options including our own. Motion carried by roll call vote. 6:0.

Committee members discussed they needed clarity on their next steps. They said a review by a third party would offer a fair view of all the services available to the Village.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion: Financial Analysis Updates and Scenarios

B. Discussion: Project Tracking Spreadsheet

C. Committee Dialogue – Q&A session

6. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Discussion with attorney and referendum construction.

7. NEXT MEETING: 6 p.m., Tuesday, November 19, 2024

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kilsdonk/Kijak to adjourn the October 23, 2024 Ambulance Subcommittee Meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote. 6:0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Jennifer Poyer

From: Dan K. <dancindan1985@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:04 AM
To: Jennifer Poyer; Alex Vedvik; tlewis429@gmail.com; patkilsdonk@msn.com; smithrd@tds.net; pkijak54@gmail.com; LO10is33@hotmail.com; judyzfries@gmail.com
Cc: Christopher Eiden; Chris Voll; Ken Charneski; Kelly Coyle; Aaron Myszka
Subject: Fw: Fw: [External] Kronenwetter ambulance feasibility study

To whom this may concern,

I would like all of this email read and shown for public input at 10/23/24 ambulance committee meeting.

My name is Dan Kindelberger from 1905 Deerwood trail. Most of you know who I am by now.

Now to business. Attached below is an email from myself to James Small inquiring about getting a feasibility study done for a citizen since all of you can't seem to follow the board vote to do so. Please read Mr. Smalls response to my email. It is time to put this ambulance idea to rest. This very email is out on social media and has been sent to countless other residents. Stop fighting the facts and end this charade.

-Dan

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: "JAMES A SMALL" <small5@wisc.edu>
To: "Dan K." <dancindan1985@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tue, Oct 22, 2024 at 2:05 PM
Subject: Re: Kronenwetter ambulance feasibility study

My short answer is kind of...

I can't do something as specific as an independent feasibility study that would advocate for a governmental body adopting one solution vs another (that's lobbying). I frequently provide support to groups conducting studies and assisting with data analysis and presenting factual data in governmental meetings. Typically I am doing work on behalf of a municipal body but I would not have any issue coaching a citizen group so long as it is advocating for solutions that are supported by data.

That being said, I am pretty surprised that this continues to be a discussion as it seems to be fairly obvious that this isn't economically viable as a stand alone system without significantly increasing the village's contribution. This would only make sense if there were no other options.

The time and energy in this would be better spent discussing partnerships with surrounding agencies. There are very good reasons that the other municipalities around Wausau have moved to regionalization. It strikes me that there is a political consideration to having "Kronenwetter" on the side of the ambulance. In 30+ years as an emergency responder I have never had a citizen question what agency that I am from while providing them help.

I'm attaching the slide deck from a presentation I gave at the Wisconsin Towns Association conference and this link is an article about it. <https://www.ems1.com/rural-ems/what-makes-a-wis-ems-agency-sustainable-and-reliable>

Feel free to reach out if you have any other questions. I'm happy to try to answer them.

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From: Dan K. <dancindan1985@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 1:44 PM

To: JAMES A SMALL <small5@wisc.edu>

Subject: Kronenwetter ambulance feasibility study

Good afternoon,

My name is Dan Kindelberger and I have been a resident in Kronenwetter, WI for 10 years. I was wondering if a village resident (Me) could get a feasibility study done since one side of my local government continues to fight over and avoiding getting a feasibility study done even after it was voted on to do so.

I have been trying to gather information on this since May 13th when the chief tried to pass it then without any public knowledge. I was the one who got your information from Riverside to pass onto residents and board members. I was there when you came to address the board. By the way, thank you for that!

I am also under the impression that you would do a study for no charge? Is this correct? The village residents deserve the facts and I'm just trying to do my part by getting those to them since the majority of the board would rather ignore it's residents and continue to lobby and argue about it. This would mean the world to my fellow neighbors and I. Thank you for your time! Have a great rest of your day!

-Dan

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