

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2009

The Finance Committee met on March 25, 2009 at 6:30 PM at City Hall.

Members Present: Paula Wiese & Lynn Lawrenz

Also Present: Chief Ackerman, Assistant Chief Vandennack, Captain Koss, Captain Haltaufderheid, Town of Pierce Board, Clerk Shipper, Arlin Monfils and Larry Kirchman from the Town of Lincoln & Tom Romdenne

Moved by Lawrenz second by Wiese to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with the Town of Pierce Board to discuss their request to re-negotiate the current fire and rescue contract with the Town.

The Town Board feels the current charge of 2/3 mil based on equalized value is too high compared to what they pay Kewaunee for fire and rescue service.

The Town is looking for a flat rate closer to what they pay Kewaunee. The Kewaunee fee is based on a % of the annual budget. The 2009 fee to Kewaunee is \$12,000 and to Algoma is \$31,431.00. The Town of Pierce also owns 1/3 share of a tanker with two other towns that is housed at the Kewaunee Fire Station.

Looking at the total operating budget for Algoma and the increasing value of property covered, the City feels the current rate and method of charging (2/3 mil on equalized value) is reasonable. The current fee calculates to \$0.67 per \$1,000.00 of value for fire and rescue coverage for the Town of Pierce.

Algoma has no charge in the formula for equipment (engines, tankers, aerial, transport, and brush rig). Without this equipment the Town of Pierce would not have coverage from Algoma. It was suggested that these costs should be included in the budget and passed on at the 14% value of the Town. If the costs were included the % of operation costs would equal or exceed the 2/3 mil factor now used assuming public fire protection is not part of the operating costs. It was suggested that the Town Board send a proposal to Algoma. The proposal will be reviewed and, if needed, another meeting would be held.

A meeting with the Town of Lincoln regarding the same issue will be held on April 22nd at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall. The Town of Lincoln will come with a proposal.

Moved by Lawrenz second by Wiese to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 AM.