

Citizens Committee Meeting
December 17, 2015
6:30 p.m.

Present: Ben Joas, Kari Joas, Patti Christianson, Brandi Burr, John Christianson, Paul Johnson, Mike Kinney, Nancy Kinney, Gail Pupp, Harry Pupp, Dave Pavlik, Glen Mathison.

- Meeting started at 6:30 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance was said.
- The Manpower, Equipment, Supervision chart is the criteria for any option that the Town of Winchester decides to do.
- Discussion was held about contracting with Clayton for First Responders.
- History of the dissolution was discussed.
- The options chart from an earlier meeting was discussed.
- Some preliminary numbers were discussed about costs with Winneconne-Poygan Fire District. If Winchester would go this way the cost would be between \$44,000-\$47,000 a year based on simple factoring based on population and valuation.
- The Winchester station will be utilized and fire equipment dispatched from it NO MATTER WHAT direction Winchester goes!!
- Started to discuss what is the best option for Winchester for the long-term fire protection? Second best option?
- Clayton has a complete inventory of all equipment that Winchester will try to obtain.
- A suggestion is to have a third party appraiser go through all the equipment and divide it as evenly as possible.
- Need to protect the equipment that Winchester has!
- Trust factor is an issue with Clayton.
- Citizens Committee recommends to the Town Board to contract with Boom Bay Fire Company for a short-term solution for fire protection while a long-term solution is being looked at.
- The cost to contract with Boom Bay is \$15,000 and the services included were not clearly defined.
- Why not Clayton?- Winchester needs distance from Clayton, the cost, Clayton is not forthcoming with documents such as a list of equipment, lack of cooperation from Clayton.
- Adjourn at 9:20 p.m.
- Next meeting is January 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Winchester Town Hall.