

## Citizens Committee Meeting

February 23, 2016

6:30 p.m.

Present: Ben Joas, Kari Joas, Dave Pavlik, Mike Kinney, Nancy Kinney, Scott Mathison, Brandi Burr, John Christianson, Dan Buser, Tom Forbes

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

The 1st draft of the Fire Protection Citizens Committee Report was presented by Dave Pavlik. It listed the 5 options and the findings from the work that the Citizens Committee has done.

The options were looked at and discussed any questions about them were answered.

The options were:

1. Fix the current Clayton Winchester agreement
2. Establish a Town of Winchester Fire Department
3. Join with Winneconne/Poygan Fire District as a fourth party
4. Contract with Boom Bay Fire Company
5. Contract with the Town of Clayton Fire Department

Option 1-Clayton doesn't want to fix the current agreement.

Option 2 -The total cost is \$57,400 for a stand-alone department.

Option 3 -Winneconne/Poygan is not interested in adding Winchester.

Option 4 -The total cost to contract with Boom Bay would be \$58,700 and Boom Bay Fire Company does not want to contract with Winchester for the long term.

Option 5- The Town of Clayton presented an incomplete contract to the Town of Winchester for fire protection for \$43,452.62 for Fire Protection plus the 2% fire dues of approximately \$5,200, for a total of about \$48,653 for 2016.

However, the Town of Clayton administrator agreed that the contract presented was incomplete because no scope of services was included, the financial arrangements were not finalized, and issues regarding use of Town of Winchester equipment were not resolved. For a contract to be considered by Winchester, it needed to be reasonable and reasonably complete.

A contract was also presented by Clayton for first responder coverage for \$9,418.95 for 2016. Total of the fire protection and first responder contracts was about \$58,072.

It was mentioned that the money that is received from Clayton from the fire department split would go into a separate account and not into the general fund for the Town of Winchester.

If Winchester had its own fire department there would be something that the community can be a part of and take pride in, which people feel is lacking since Winchester School closed.

Any other comments or suggestions for the draft can be brought to the next meeting or contact Dave Pavlik or Ben Joas about them.

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m. and the next meeting is March 1, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Notes Respectfully Submitted by:  
Kari Joas