

**Options to consider - QUESTIONS - STATEMENTS - PROS - CONS**

**Fire Protection should never be political, but rather treated as a business**

Option 1 - Fix Agreement with Clayton	Option 2 - Stand Alone Winchester FD	Option 3 - Partner with Winneconne FD (Joint Fire District w/Poygan, Town of Winneconne, Village of Winneconne)	Option 4 - Contract with Boom Bay Fire Company
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**LEGEND: QUESTIONS - STATEMENTS - PROS - CONS - ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

<p>Is Clayton willing to reconsider?</p> <p>Cost stay the same, based upon valuation</p> <p>Would cost go up, due to expansion of Clayton's needs, or would it continue to be based upon valuation?</p> <p>No split - no equalizing payment - so this would be a benefit to Clayton</p>	<p>What is a realistic budget based upon potential replacement of trucks and equipment?</p> <p>Smaller Tax Base to Support Expenses to Replace Equipment</p> <p>Winchester has had Minimal growth</p> <p>The estimate with the same as what we are now paying only covered the operating expense with a fully volunteer staff.</p> <p>No significant increase in the operating budget</p> <p>Cost to get up and running should be covered by the equalizing payment</p> <p>but may not be much money left for a contingency fund to purchase vehicles at a later date</p>	<p>What would this cost the Town of Winchester?</p> <p>MUCH Larger Tax Base to Share the Cost</p> <p>Where would the ambulance/first responders come from?</p> <p>The equalizing payment could be deposited into a contingency fund instead of being spent on setting up a standalone department</p> <p>Truck Loan would be paid off so the Tax Levy could be readjusted down</p>	<p>What would this cost the Town of Winchester?</p> <p>Would likely fit within budget</p> <p>The equalizing payment could be deposited into a contingency fund instead of being spent on setting up a standalone department</p>
<p>Lack of willingness to cooperate - Leadership in both towns would need to be open to this option</p>	<p>Few structure fire calls in the Town of Winchester, mainly highway accidents and grass fires.</p> <p>Does this warrant the expense of setting up a standalone department?</p> <p>Clayton is nearby and said they would respond.</p>	<p>Is Winneconne willing to work with us and add an additional community?</p> <p>Primary station across the river</p> <p>Our Winchester "satellite station" could be a benefit to Winneconne</p>	
<p>Administration is existing and in place (policies + SOPs)</p>	<p>Would have to set up Records and Administrative process to comply with rules and regulations</p>	<p>Administration is existing and in place (policies + SOPs)</p>	<p>Administrative process in place</p>
<p>Less expensive to fix existing contract-legally</p>	<p>Additional legal fees and ordinances</p>	<p>Would need to join their fire district and negotiate the fee for the Town</p> <p>Larger pool of personnel and equipment - Additional assets to service the people of our community</p> <p>What if Winchester would decide later that a stand alone department would be better for the community?</p> <p>Should have a contingency plan but One doesn't go into a "marriage" expecting to get a "divorce"</p>	<p>Would need to contract with them. They are a Private Fire Company.</p> <p>What would the legal arrangement look like?</p> <p>Equipment (sell/lease?) - Complex negotiation required</p> <p>Would insurance for the Town go up if another fire department is using our building and equipment?</p>
<p>Closest Response Time</p> <p>Lack of members available during the day</p>	<p>Same Response Time</p> <p>Adequate staff - list of 29 potential volunteers</p> <p>How many of the 29 potential volunteers are current members of the Boom Bay Fire Company?</p> <p>Are there any potential Liability concerns for volunteers belonging to 2 depts (?) (Boom Bay and Winchester)</p> <p>It takes time to get a roster going</p>	<p>Because we would still have our local station, response time should not be adversely affected</p> <p>Interested firefighters could still serve locally if hired by Winneconne - would maintain our local station and still have some autonomy</p> <p>Our local volunteers would have the opportunity to join a department and thereby receive training</p>	<p>Slower Response time</p> <p>Daytime firefighters available</p> <p>Boom Bay has a new station</p> <p>Close to the West Town Line</p>
<p>Training-professional</p>	<p>Training offered by Boom Bay</p> <p>Fewer Resources could cause a Drop off in training</p>	<p>Training programs in place</p> <p>Location of Training - would some take place in at the Winchester station or would all be at the Winneconne station?</p>	<p>Training provided</p> <p>Fall off in training</p>
<p>Representation on the Joint Fire Board would need to be renegotiated</p>	<p>Local control</p>	<p>Limited autonomy/representation</p> <p>Strong Community Support</p>	<p>No autonomy/representation</p>
<p>Morale has been an issue</p>	<p>Potential political implications - What does this mean?</p>	<p>Good Reputation</p>	<p>Community politics - What does this mean?</p>

<p><b>Option 5 - Contract Back to Clayton</b></p> <p>What would this cost the Town of Winchester?</p> <p>Would cost go up, due to expansion of Clayton's needs, or would it continue to be based upon valuation?</p> <p>Clayton had initially said they would contract to us at the same cost we are currently paying</p> <p>Buy time to get ducks in a row</p> <p>The equalizing payment could be deposited into a contingency fund instead of being spent on setting up a standalone department</p> <p>Contract negotiation</p> <p>Equipment (sell/lease?) - Complex negotiation required</p> <p>Would insurance for the Town go up if another fire department is using our building and equipment?</p> <p>Same Response Time</p> <p>No autonomy/representation</p>
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