

Special Meeting
Town of Farmington and Town of Dayton Boards
Tuesday, February 23, 2021 9:00 am
E913 Prairie View Ln
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Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chair Caroline Murphy presided. The opening statement was given. Notices were properly published and posted.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call: Caroline Murphy-Chair Farmington, Craig Nelson-Supervisor I Farmington, Mark Jensen-Supervisor II Farmington, John Miller-Chair Dayton, Jeff Barlow Supervisor Dayton, Jim Peglow Supervisor Dayton, Danielle Taggart Clerk-Treasurer, and 1 citizen Jerry Murphy, Waupaca County Board Supervisor District 14.

Approve Agenda: A motion by John Miller seconded by Craig Nelson to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

New Business:

- 1) Discuss/Approve optional plans regarding water patrol presence on the Chain O'Lakes.
 - Lots of discussion on what could happen if we get out of the agreement. Below is a list of questions to answer.
 - Jim Peglow:
 - Why was the Sheriff not invited to the meeting?
 - What is truly best for all the citizens in the towns and the county?
 - Are we better off having a joint law enforcement group for the Town of Farmington and the Town of Dayton?
 - What would it look like if we went with our own law enforcement?
 - How many employees and how many hours would we want?
 - What would the difference between a town constable and a reserve or a sheriff deputy?
 - Why is part of the county under this agreement and the other isn't?
 - What can we do with \$18 an hour to have someone patrol on the lakes?
 - We cannot change this agreement for 2021.
 - Jeff Barlow:
 - Why would they patrol the Wolf river without an agreement but not the chain?
 - Where and when was the meeting to have specific hours and a dedicated seasonal fulltime officer?
 - Is it fair to say that these guys (patrol officers) know when they need to be there?
 - Caroline Murphy:
 - The cost factor for the Towns to have their own constable would be far more costly than what we have now.
 - We had a chair meeting with the sheriff.
 - Hours have to be offered to a regular officer first.
 - The reserve officer would be a cost savings.
 - We can amend this agreement.

-John Miller:

-We get the sheriff's report monthly and it has a hundred plus incidents. Do we really want to get involved in that?

-The Wolf river has different rules.

-The chain is a defined body of water where the Towns set the rules and therefore it is our responsibility as the board for the towns to do that.

-What would the liability be for a town constable?

-An officer will sign up 9am – 12pm to accommodate their personal needs.

-They are not corresponding with the hours of need on the lakes.

-We need an agreement that is clear on what we really want.

-We can revise the current agreement if it is excepted by all parties.

a) Look at what hours we want does it make sense to encourage the sheriff to hire someone like last year?

b) Do we need to have this extra patrolling costs for our citizens?

c) Each board needs to come up with their options and bring them to the table at the next group meeting.

-Jerry Murphy:

- If you are open to a suggestion, you need to negotiate before you ask the sheriff in and then ask him what we can do to meet this? There is a level of brainstorming that needs to be done before bringing in the next party.

-Mark Jensen:

-Are you saying you have a hard time having your township pay water patrol expenses?

-Caroline Murphy: Next group meeting March 29th at 8 am.

Adjournment: A motion by Jeff Barlow seconded by Jim Peglow to adjourn at 10:15 am. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Submitted by Danielle Taggart

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