

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF NORTH PRAIRIE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 2, 2024**  
**HELD JOINTLY WITH THE TOWN OF EAGLE AND THE VILLAGE OF EAGLE**

1. Call to Order: meeting called to order by President Hall at 6:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call: Present – President Hall, Trustees D. Schroeder, C. Lempe, M. McCormack  
Absent (excused) - A. Pelligrino, F. Rewasiewicz
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Recited
4. Citizen Comments/Concerns: no citizen comments.
5. Discussion/action regarding the Kettle Moraine Fire District’s 2025 budget. Fire Chief Nottling presented the proposed 2025 Fire Dept. budget. He explained the significant changes, which primarily include adding a paid time on call stipend of \$109,500 in wages for two members of the fire department to be available between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. which is a challenging time to find personnel. Each member will be paid \$150 per 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. shift. The total of \$109,500 is calculated as follows: \$150 x 2 x 365. Chief Nottling stated this will allow the fire department to provide service during these hours, 365 days, and guarantees an ambulance is staffed with two members of the Fire Department and available to go on calls 365 days a year. The overall budget increase is 6.96% from 2024 to 2025. The increase from 2023 to 2024 was 17.98%.

President Rich Spurrell of the Village of Eagle stated he has a concern over the sustainability of the Fire Department due to budgetary constraints. President D. Hall expressed the same concern. Chief Nottling stated he feels a referendum is needed to address the financial sustainability of the fire department. He feels a firehouse with beds for third shift coverage is necessary. Chief Nottling is taking a class in October 2024 for referendum training.

President Spurrell specifically asked President Hall about the financial situation of North Prairie due to comments made by North Prairie’s Chief of Police, Sal Tamez, in a Waukesha Freeman newspaper article dated 9/26/2024, in which he specifically stated “What is going on is that they want a balanced budget and haven’t had one in a couple of years.” President Hall responded that the Village of North Prairie is financially stable and has approximately \$400,000 in its general fund, which equals approximately 30% of North Prairie’s yearly budget.

Motion by D. Hall, second by M. McCormack to approve the 2025 Fire Department budget as presented; Motion carried 3-1 (C. Lempe voted against).

6. Adjournment. Motion by D. Schroeder; second by C. Lampe to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted  
For the Board  
Deborah A. Hall