

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF DARIEN AND TOWN OF DARIEN
SPECIAL JOINT BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 15, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Darien Village Hall, 24 N. Wisconsin St.
Darien, WI 53114

1. **Call to Order.** Village of Darien President Jane Stiles called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Darien Fire/EMS station.
2. **Roll Call – Town of Darien.** Town of Darien Board Chairperson Cecil Logterman and Supervisors Dale Wheelock, Bud Wojcik, Rich Keyzer and Kevin Schutt were present. Town Clerk Marilyn Larson was also present.
3. **Roll Call – Village of Darien.** Village President Jane Stiles and Trustees Kevin Atkinson, Elizabeth Baumann, Greg Epping, Sandi Seefeldt, and Ken Truckey were present. Trustee Will Volmar was absent. Village Administrator Clerk/Treasurer Lindsey Peterson and Darien Fire/EMS Chief Scott Fisher were also present.
4. **Presentation from Captain Todd Neumann from the Walworth County Sherriff's Office regarding the County radio replacement project.** Captain Todd Neumann from the Walworth County Sheriff's Office gave a presentation of the radio replacement project underway for Walworth County with an anticipated go-live in mid-2024.
5. **Discussion and possible action to approve quotes from Radicom for replacement of Darien Fire/EMS Department radios.** Chief Fisher provided an overview of the radios and quantities included in the quotes provided by Radicom. He stated that the number of radios being requested was less than the number of radios already owned by the Department. President Stiles asked Chief Fisher to explain why 50 mobile radios were needed. She asked how many people were on the Department's roster. Chief Fisher explained there are 38 members on the roster and the department has several applicants currently in the process of applying to the department. He stated that it was also necessary for officers to have more than one radio to monitor different channels during an event.
Trustee Baumann stated that in reviewing she was not ready to make a decision. She stated comparing to the Village of Fontana, the request for the Darien Fire/EMS Department was significantly more than the request from Fire/EMS, Police, and Public Works in Fontana. Ms. Peterson stated she had also been told by Scott Smith from Radicom that the request for radios from Darien Fire/EMS was comparable to the City of Lake Geneva's request. Captain Neumann stated that it needed to be said that, right or wrong, some communities were not fully preparing for the transition to the new system. He stated the Darien Chief was very forward thinking in his request.
President Stiles stated she still didn't understand the need for so many mobile radios in addition to 12 portable radios in the vehicles. Chief Fisher stated that the 12 portable radios for the vehicles were for each riding position, and that this is in accordance with NFPA codes. Chairperson Logterman stated he thought that it was wise to purchase more radios while a discount was available. He stated it may be possible to ask for donations to be made from some businesses in the area to assist in covering a portion of the cost of the radios. Supervisor Keyzer stated he had been on the department for several years and he wanted to make sure that any volunteer on the department had the best of everything to keep them safe. Ms. Peterson stated she also wanted to clarify that there would be another quote coming related to the control stations at the Darien Fire Station. It was not ready at the time of this meeting, and would have to be considered separately. Ms. Larson stated she had been with the technician when he came in to examine the control stations and they were mostly happy with the condition of what was there.

After additional discussion, Town Board Supervisor Schutt made a motion to approve the three quotes from Radicom totaling \$342,707.90, (\$188,935.42 for the Town portion and \$153,773.48 for the Village portion) for radios compatible with the new Walworth County system, to be paid for and delivered in 2024. Supervisor Keyzer seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

For the Village Board, Trustee Truckey made a motion to approve the three quotes from Radicom totaling \$342,707.90, (\$188,935.42 for the Town portion and \$153,773.48 for the Village portion) for radios compatible with the new Walworth County system, to be paid for and delivered in 2024. Trustee Seefeldt seconded, and the motion carried 5-1, with Trustee Baumann voting in opposition.

6. **Discussion and possible action on the purchase of two new thermal imaging cameras for the Darien Fire/EMS Department.** Chief Fisher stated that the Crossed Irons Association had agreed to purchase two new thermal imaging cameras for the department at a cost of \$18,000. There was no additional funding needed from the Town or Village. Supervisor Schutt made a motion to approve the purchase. President Stiles seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
7. **Discussion and possible action on the purchase of new turnout gear for the Darien Fire/EMS Department.** Chief Fisher explained that he was planning to purchase three new sets of turn-out gear in 2022, and then another 3 sets in 2023. He stated the money for the purchases was already included in the 2022 budget and the 2023 proposed budget, but because of the dollar amount, he was seeking approval from the Boards. Trustee Truckey made a motion to approve the purchase of three new sets of turnout gear at a cost of \$11,400. Trustee Atkinson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
8. **Schedule next meeting date, if needed.** No meeting was scheduled.
9. **Adjourn.** At 7:41 p.m., President Stiles made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Schutt seconded, and the motion carried 11-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Peterson, Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

Date approved by the Village Board: November 21, 2022