

CITY OF OCONTO
MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
City Hall Council Chambers, 1210 Main St, Oconto, WI 54153
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022 - 10:30 AM

Meeting called to order at 10:30 am by Mayor John Panetti

Roll Call –

Present: Mayor John Panetti, Jeremy Wusterbarth, Police Chief Mike Rehberg, Fire Chief Josh Bostedt, Bob LeBreck, and John Wittkopf

Also present: City Administrator Brittney Bickel and as recording secretary

Approval of Agenda –

MOTION: Wusterbarth / Wittkopf

Motion to approve the agenda as presented for Emergency Government held on October 26, 2022. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes –

MOTION: Wittkopf / Wusterbarth

Motion to approve the minutes as presented for Emergency Government held on May 3, 2022. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

Correspondence/Public Input – none

Discussion/Recommendation/Update on –

- a. Expenditure Guidelines and 2023 Budget: We have 4 tornado sirens - two are 40/50 years old by Pecor/Farnsworth and the Wastewater Treatment Plant, one is 20 years old by the School, and one is 10 years old by Copper Culture State Park. Chief Rehberg reported the County was thinking about changing companies from Code Red, they recently however determined they are staying with Code Red, so education, sign-up, and training efforts will begin immediately. Our Student Resource Officer will be educating and signing up students and teachers at the Schools. Chief Bostedt reported that currently all the sirens are operating. The two oldest ones are non-serviceable and would need to be totally replaced. The newest one at Copper Culture needs adjustments to the wiring and drip legs would need to be installed to bring them back up to code. The one at High School would also need small maintenance and updates. We are not mandated by State Statute to have and maintain tornado sirens. The Committee unanimously agreed to phase out the sirens and educate the public on utilization of Code Red.

MOTION: Wittkopf / Wusterbarth

Motion to phase out the tornado sirens. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: Wittkopf / Wusterbarth

Motion to approve the 2023 budget. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED

- b. Tornado Sirens: discussed along with item a.
- c. Other Emergency Government Activities: none.

Adjournment –

MOTION: LeBreck / Wusterbarth

Motion to adjourn at 10:53 am. Voice Vote: 6 ayes - MOTION CARRIED