

**Watab Town Board Meeting Minutes  
January 28, 2014**

A special meeting of the Watab Town Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 28, 2014 by Chair Ed Kacures Jr. All other board members were present: Treasurer Eileen Saldana, Clerk Pat Spence, and Supervisors Lloyd Erdmann and Craig Gondeck. Also present: Mayor Dale Rogholt and Bryon Marketon, City of Rice, and Watab resident, Kevin Reiter.

The purpose of the meeting was: (1) Presentation of the Financial Report from the City of Rice on the Fire District; (2) Request from Rice Recreation by Bryon Marketon; and (3) the Township Board of Audit.

Following the Pledge to the Flag, Mayor Rogholt presented the un-audited financial information for 2013. Fire department revenues were \$151,385.94 and expenses were \$140,219.08. Graham, Langola, and Watab Townships were the source of \$87,591.92 of revenue; the City of Rice contributed \$60,368.78. He also presented a summary of the 2013 Rice Fire Department Incidents:

	Fire Calls	Medical Calls	Rescue	Total	% of Total
Rice	0	59	4	63	39.62%
Graham	1	5	6	12	7.55%
Langola	6	14	7	27	16.98%
Watab	0	42	7	49	30.82%
Mutual Aid	5	0	3	8	5.03%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>159</b>	

The total expenditures per incident were \$881.88; total revenue per incident was \$952.11. Mayor Rogholt will recommend to the City Council that the excess revenue be placed in the City of Rice General Fund.

For 2014, the City is budgeting \$134,107 in revenue with \$88,307 to come from the township contracts and \$45,800 from the City. The budget for expenditures is \$133,195. Chair Kacures and other board members thanked Dale Rogholt for the first in-depth financial report of the fire department in many years.

Chair Kacures then asked how he advises the township to proceed to get a 2014 contract with Rice, since our previous attempts have failed. Chair Kacures expressed how he had been to two City Council meetings with proposals that came from the city and neither were accepted. Clerk Spence was asked to contact the Rice City Clerk to request Chair Kacures be placed on the city council agenda for February 17<sup>th</sup>. The board decided to propose 2.4% of Net Tax Capacity for Sections 1-12 and the per hour rate as proposed by the city. The township will use the 2014 NTC from Benton County rather than the 2012 rates in the city's proposal. Clerk Spence also will attach the addendum to the contract.

Bryon Marketon, Director of Rice Recreation, introduced himself and told of his work for the city since being hire in June. Last year Watab contributed \$1,500 for those participating from the township in youth and adult programs. This year there is the need to purchase youth basketball equipment and other supplies for the adult leagues. Bryon is proposing the same contribution for 2014 for this equipment and safety improvements. The board requested that he attend the Annual Meeting to make his request; he agreed.

The board then conducted the annual Board of Audit. All 2013 claims and payments were audited; there were no negative findings. The Clerk's and Treasurer's Year-End Financial Reports were compared; again there were no negative findings. They were thanked for a good year's work.

The board reviewed the modifications to the 2014 budget that were made since the past special meeting. This budget was used to project year-end balances for each of the funds and potential expenditures for 2015:

Fund	Yr-End 2013	2014 Revenues	2014 Expenditures	Balance
General	\$118,022	\$131,829	\$131,413	\$118,438
Road/Bridge	\$139,976	\$203,052	\$201,770	\$141,258
Fire	\$61,553	\$ 73,000	\$ 77,950	\$ 56,603
Building	\$803	0	0	803
Debt/Roads	\$58,770	\$ 61,298	\$ 61,315	\$ 58,753
Debt/Hall	\$22,068	\$ 25,000	\$ 21,065	\$ 26,003

The board discussed how important it is to keep the General Fund balance close to the amount of the year's expenditures to follow State Auditor guidelines.

After considerable discussion, the board decided to recommend the following 2015 Levy amounts to the Electors at the Annual Meeting:

General	\$80,000	(\$5,000 increase)
Road & Bridge	\$170,000	(\$6,298 increase)
Fire	\$72,000	(\$2,000 increase)
Debt Service/Roads	\$56,000	(\$5,298 decrease)
Debt Service/Hall	\$22,000	(\$3,000 decrease)
Total	\$400,000	(\$5,000 increase)

Motion was made by Supervisor Gondeck, seconded by Supervisor Erdmann and passed to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence