

Park Ridge FD

Timeline

2013

- In July 2013 then-Chief Slicer expressed concern about lack of budget for operational and possible capital expenses.
- There was mention of a referendum
- At that time Trustee Renfert offered to help with organizing and planning for those expenses
- At that time the board consisted of **Gloudemans (P), Budelier, Baker, Renfert, and LaMar**

2013-2014

- No more reports on the FD until October 2013
- At this time the Squad's transmission went out
- No more information until April 2014, at that time it was indicated the Village did not have enough personnel to join Metro Fire District, a truck needed to be replaced, and better equipment was needed to attract and retain Fire Fighters
- At that time there was discussion about a referendum to purchase a new truck
- The board- **Gloudemans (P), Budelier, Baker, Renfert, LaMar**

2014

- May 2014- More discussion on referendum- NO ACTION
- July 2014- More discussion on referendum, the formation of a “FD Long Term Planning” committee
- August 2014- Talk of joining Metro, replacing the hose wagon, contracting....
- September 2014- More talk of replacing trucks, and joining Metro
- October 2014- Notified we cannot join Metro because we do not meet “like and kind” standards as for vehicles and personnel...
- November 2014- Discussion of borrowing for new equipment for FD

2014

- “Like/Kind” clarified- At the time we had “antiquated equipment”, a very small roster (12) and not all FF’s were trained up. Basically we had very little to offer the Metro Fire District.

2015

- January- Membership in the FD increasing- yet no decisions on equipment, report that the SCBA fill station is on its last legs
- Village Board- **Gloudemans (P), Budelier, LaMar, Renfert, and Baker**
- July- Discussion of a long range planning committee (again) for FD
- Board is now **Budelier(P), LaMar, Baker, Renfert, and Gifford**
- September- Long Range committee was formed, report is the hose wagon should be replaced first, more discussion on borrowing, a timeline for decisions, etc.

2015

- October- Committee to research borrowing for trucks, a timeline is developed and revised
- The board consists of **Budelier (P), LaMar, Renfert, Baker, and Gifford**
- December- More talk, more revision of the timeline, public hearing is scheduled for Feb 2016
- Long time clerk Jeri McGinley announces she will be resigning

2016

- January- more revision of the timeline, more discussion on borrowing, **LaMar** is investigating costs to lengthen the bays in the Hall so a custom truck does not have to be ordered...
- February- Public hearing scheduled for March
- March- More revision of the timeline
- April- Board asks for more information on purchasing new equipment or building a building. Decision scheduled for May. FD roster is growing and currently at 17. There is a brand new Clerk/Treasurer and it is **LaMar's** last board meeting as he did not seek re-election.

2016

- APRIL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
- Meeting was held April 6th, 2016- At that time
- Four Options Presented- 1. SPFD Contract
- 2. Replace HW/E2
- 3. Replace E1 with custom engine- turn E1 into E2
- 4. Build Fire Building, buy used E1, turn old E1 into E2
- **LaMar/Renfert supported option 3, Gifford supported option 4, and Baker made a motion to remove Options 1 and 2 which passed.**

2016

- May- authorization to spend \$\$ on creating specs for an FD building, no decisions made
- The board is now **Budelier (P), Baker, Renfert, Busch, Gifford**
- June- Authorization for Lampert-Lee to design and spec building- cost of \$3900, no official decision made at this time
- Between June and August **President Budelier** resigns
- No decisions made, by October **Bob Gifford** has volunteered to be president- all other trustees cited different reasons- **Baker was too busy, Busch too new, and Renfert didn't think he had the personality**

2016

- November- **Baker motions to go back into contracting talks with Stevens Point, Renfert seconds.**
- At this point cost estimates are as such: contracting about \$75k/year, building a new Engine 1 – about \$232K, building a building \$211K + cost of a used fire Engine
- The board is now **Gifford (P), Baker, Busch, Renfert, Dr. Bergin**
- No decisions on the FD are made

2017

- January, February, March, April- **Gifford, Baker, and Village attorney** meet with the City of Stevens Point- no report is made to the board that was reflected in minutes
- In February, the board votes to have the **Comprehensive Planning committee research and make recommendations**. This decision was made at a special board meeting, called by **Baker**, on Super Bowl Sunday. **Busch**-the chairman of the Comp Planning committee was unable to attend the special board meeting.
- **Baker, Renfert, and Gifford** all decide to run for Village President. Baker and Renfert are chosen by the vote of about 20 Village residents at the board meeting.
- Clerk Treasurer Lynnette Woyak resigns...

2017

- May- **Baker** is now the Village President, Kathy Bemowski is the the new Village Clerk/Treasurer
- **Sachs** joins the board
- The board is now **Baker (P), Busch, Renfert, Sachs, Bergin**
- There has been no movement on the FD issues, reports of the hose wagon are unfavorable, with leaks, breaking down during an emergency, and being placed out of service except for emergency situations.

2017

- June, July, August, September- No decisions on the FD, the **Comp Plan Committee consisting of Busch (C), Bergin, Holloway, Bendtsen, Budelier, Kadoch, and Kozlowski** work on the FD issues
- The comp plan committee makes a recommendation that consists of the following: There is a significant public safety concern- a used truck that would fit in our bays was found and could serve its purpose for many years while the board or committees were formed to figure out a long term plan that was acceptable to everyone. Cost would be about \$60K. **LaMar and Probst** came and spoke out against the recommendation despite never attending a meeting. Board turned down the recommendation- **Baker- NO, Sachs- NO, Renfert- NO, Busch- YES Bergin- YES**

2017

- September, October, November- the decision is made to put the FD decision onto the April ballot for referendum- wording is finalized
- December/ January 2018- **Renfert** states he will not run for re-election, a public hearing is held at Pinerias Bank, the non-binding referendum is placed on the Feb ballot

2018

- The custom build option is the top choice in the referendum, with contracting coming in second, and building a new building coming in third.
- April- **Busch** is re-elected, **Fournier** is elected by a write in vote.
- The board is now **Baker (P), Dr. Bergin, Sachs, Busch, Fournier**
- April/May- **Baker** resigns as President of the board, **Busch** is appointed for the rest of her term, **Dunham** joins the board after no one else expresses interest in being a trustee or president.

2018

- JUNE

- THE BOARD IS NOW **BUSCH(P), DR. BERGIN, SACHS, FOURNIER, AND DUNHAM.**