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**From:** Micaela Montagne  
**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 8:09 AM  
**To:** Dorgene Goetsch  
**Subject:** Fw: Fire chiefs report Feb 2021

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**From:** Rick Reichkitzer <firechief@townoflapointewi.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 8, 2021 7:02 AM  
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**Subject:** Fire chiefs report Feb 2021

February was another busy month prepping and trying to get prepared for the move to our new fire hall. The gear lockers showed up at olsons building materials as planned on feb 25 and Friday February 26th we organized a large group of volunteer fire fighters along with workers from Rick Reichkitzer construction and Clayton Douglass crew to get the 6 very large pallets over the ice crack and to the newly built fire hall. Someone asked why they showed up now....the answer we were lucky to get them this quick and storing them on the mainland and dealing with them one extra time was out of the question. We had the same large crew lined up for March 6th to put the lockers together and in the new hall but the town administration for some reason thought that this could somehow mess up a life and safety mechanical inspection scheduled for March 9th. It is public knowledge im not happy with this uncalled for changing of plans. James price isn't coming to see if the floors are clean.

Tyler andreas and chief lined up the moving of the breathing air compressor and cascade systems to the new fire hall .....this when well with the help of a technician from Jefferson safety out of Madison and little Evan and Roy from the town crew. Steve from Brown electric was on hand to get the power switched over.

We the fire department have done an amazing job over the last two years rebuilding the largest of the emergency services with 25 members and 11 replacement apparatus and have planned a smooth transition to our new hall. We have a five day schedule laid out for our move. We will now incorporate the gear lockers assembly to this time-line. Be safe

Chief Reichkitzer

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TO: Town Board

FROM: Lisa Potswald

RE: Fire Department Share of Furniture Purchase

DATE: March 8, 2021

The Town Board approved the ESB furniture purchase/contract on December 8, 2020:

*"Motion to approve the package less the amount for the police (a new total of \$22,519) and if Cindy can find anything less expensive, she has the flexibility to do so, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 3 Ayes, 2 Nays (M. Anderson and J. Carlson), Motion Carried."*

The total price changed, and the Town Board decided the following on December 16, 2020:

*"Emergency Services Building Furniture Package Contract with Duet Resource Group/DJMI: Contract cost of \$24,998.35 has increased from previous discussion as the Fire department and Ambulance Services added more tables and chairs back in and will cover the additional cost with their designated funds. Motion to approve the contract, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 3 Ayes, 2 Nays (M. Anderson, J. Carlson), Motion Carried."*

The Town recently received the final furniture bill from Duet and it is \$25,210.65, an increase of \$212.30 due to some last minute changes requested to be made to the desks by the Fire Department. This means that the total that the Ambulance Service and the Fire Department each contributes above and beyond the original total of \$22,519.00 is **\$1,345.62**.

The full membership of the Ambulance Service and Fire Department must vote to use 66.0608 designated funds for any purpose. The Ambulance Service membership approved the expenditure from these designated funds, however the Fire Department membership voted it down. Rick then told me to take it out of the Fire Chief's expense budget, however it has about \$900.00 left in the line item.

I sent an email to Rick on March 3 explaining this situation and asked him to respond to this email by March 5 so this can be on the next Town Board agenda to determine where the funds will come from. As of today, Monday, March 8, I have not heard from him. Please let me know how you might want to proceed.

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