

Fire Department Report
July 2022

Another busy month for everyone. Sunday the 3rd, the department came to the fire hall to wash the fleet and clean sweep the apparatus bays. Impressive turnout on a Sunday morning. We had 6 trucks in the parade and as usual had 2 firefighters and an engine (Engine 2) on standby at the fireworks.

The Town Board opened two bids for our #1 pumper/engine replacement. There was a considerable gap in the pricing and we are looking into why the large difference in pricing. We are looking forward to working with the Town Board to get this replacement engine ordered. Because of the inflationary pricing/prices we fully expect to make concessions and come up with a plan of strategy to make this happen. I have had initial discussion with the Town Administrator and it seems like we have some options to deal with the cost. As with everything the supply and demand and ever-rising prices are a major factor in wrapping this up.

We responded to a early morning fire call up at Bad River properties, chief was first on scene with the fire department to evaluate/investigate and coordinate response. I was greeted by a fairly large group of people with explanations of why we were there. After pronouncing the fire out and no risk of rekindle I set off to sort out the cause of this call. I had plenty of witness explanations of how they discovered and dealt with a fire inside a wall of this particular cabin. After considerable effort put into the investigation, I ruled the cause to be a lightning strike. Two days later I received a call from Robert Teisberg telling me he indeed witnessed a lightning strike near these cabins earlier in the evening. We do not have an active agreement with emergency services and the Bad River properties and they have been a source of two of our more complicated calls in the past two months.

Our next training will be working with the Life Flight helicopter and setting up landing zones on the island.

Be safe,
Chief Reichkitzer

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