

Your help in providing input is needed!

Hello Village Residents,

The Cascade Fire Department has built a new building to house their operations and will be moving out of the old building later this year. The Village of Cascade plans to sell the old fire hall in early 2021.

The Cascade Fire Department has asked the Village Board to consider giving them half the proceeds from the sale of the old fire hall building. The information listed below are points that the Fire Department and Village of Cascade believe are important factors to consider in making an informed decision. We will be holding a Town Hall event so that Village residents can ask questions and give input on this topic.

What: Town Hall Discussion

When: October 10th at 12:00 p.m.

Where: Cascade Memorial Park- 401 Milwaukee Avenue (Under the Bingo Pavilion)

In the event of bad weather, the Town Hall will move to the Village Hall, 301 First St. If you cannot attend but would like to give input, please feel free to email your comments to cascade53011@gmail.com or drop off comments in the Village drop box located on the south door of the Village Hall.

Fire Department	Village
In 1920 Fire Department Moved into the existing hall	Use of the hall was donated for the Fire Department at no cost to the Village or Fire Department
In 1965 Fire Department pays \$9,000 to put the east addition adding 2 truck bays to the fire hall. Finish work was completed by the membership	The Fire Department has never paid rent or taxes for their existing building. The water used to fill tankers was never metered or charged for.
In 1979 Fire Department assumes sole operations of the Cascade FD per the request of the Village Board	The Village contracts with the Fire Department for services annually. Village cost for 2020 is \$34,852.
In 1986 Fire Department completed the task of obtaining 501C3	The Fire Department has never paid for any utilities during their fundraising activities at Memorial Park.
In 1987 Fire Department puts the south addition on to the fire hall at a cost of \$81,000.	The 1987 Fire Hall addition helped the Fire Department expand contracts to the Town of Mitchell and Town of Lyndon.
In 2018 Cascade Fire Department agrees to annexation of purchased land into the Village if proceeds of the sale of the Fire Hall would go towards the cost of installing the Water & Sewer	This was never brought to the Village Board for approval but was discussed in the joint Fire Department and Village Committee. The annexation would have helped the Fire Department obtain the USDA loan they were planning on taking out.
In 2020 Water & Sewer installed at a final cost of \$111,472	The Village voted to not charge the Fire Department for a building permit (\$700) or Sewer/Water Impact Fees (\$2,000) for the new building
The Village and Fire Department continue to work together. We share in the costs of maintaining the Fire Hall and the Brat Stand at Memorial Park. Up until their LLC was finalized in 2019, the Fire Department benefited as a Municipal entity by getting Municipal insurance rates and Municipal vehicle registrations.	

The Village of Cascade is currently facing a lot of the difficult financial decisions, similar to many other municipalities in Wisconsin. The Village is met with limited state funding and ever-increasing expenses. If the Village were to keep these funds in their entirety much needed road repairs could be done sooner as well as other important Village maintenance items.