

I am John Badtke from the Warren Waukegan Fire Protection District. On July 15th the Village and Fire District representatives met to review a proposed new contract. I believe both sides agreed on a price of \$2.125 million for the first year of the new contract. However, the discussions could not agree on an escalation clause for a multiple year contract. Therefore, we had no agreement.

When we proposed a new contract on March 3rd, we asked that the new contract be signed for one year, as we have done for the past 70 years. The Village asked if we would consider a multi-year contract with an automatic increase each year. We agreed to consider it, but asked that the new contract be signed for one year to give us time to review an automatic escalation clause for a multiple year contract.

We currently have no contract between us. If we do not sign a new contract and establish a new relationship with the Village, the Village will lose 30% of the money they currently use to provide fire and ambulance service to the residents of Gurnee.

We have scheduled another review meeting for July 22nd. I am asking the Trustees of Gurnee to review the information that Karen Wasser and the others collected at the meeting on July 15th. When you do, I would like you to consider recommending agreement to a one-year contract that will ensure coverage to all of our residents immediately. This will also establish a new relationship with the WWFPD that we hope will last another 70 years. This will give us one year to see how the new contract works and allow us time to review a multiple year contract with an automatic escalation.

Lastly I would appreciate being added to your next meeting agenda to allow open discussions about the new contract for the Village Trustees.

Thank you.

-Statement made by John Badtke during the Gurnee Village Meeting on July 18th meeting.