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INFORMATIVE REPORT  
Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department

This is a short summary of how the funds of the Wheatland Volunteer Fire Dept. have been and are now being used, all of which has come as a result of the fine effort by each and every volunteer fireman.

The first fire truck was purchased by the Town of Wheatland under the leadership of Mr. Peter Epping, the chairman of the Town of Wheatland along with the help of the committee he had appointed.

Money received from funds from our old fire department and donations amounted to \$1,158.59.

After the organizing of the fire department on Feb. 22, 1943, the following officers were elected at a meeting called to order by the town chairman at which forty-eight persons attended.

Erwin Seno.....	First Fire Chief
George Schlitz.....	Secretary & Treasurer
Dennis Creedan.....	Asst. Fire Chief

After the election of officers, the newly elected officers took over the meeting to form the Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department which has continued to become a larger and greater volunteer fire department for the Town of Wheatland. For the year of 1972, the officers are as follows:

Harold Richter.....	Fire Chief
Robert Hoffner.....	Asst. Chief
Homer Steffen.....	Secretary & Treasurer

EXPENSES

<u>1943</u>	Six dozen glasses.....	\$ 3.85
	Five tables.....	\$ 12.50
	Rain coats (Janesville Apparel Co.).....	\$ 65.15
<u>1944</u>	Rain coats (Janesville Apparel Co.).....	\$ 29.31
<u>1945</u>	Chairs (Edward Hinds Lumber Co.).....	\$ 35.40
	Cards & glasses (C. Werwie and Co.).....	\$ 6.45
<u>1946</u>	Fire siren tower.....	\$124.68
<u>1947</u>	Printing of by-laws.....	\$ 14.00
<u>1948</u>	Planks (picnic).....	\$ 84.88
	Egon Uhen (painting of siren & hydrant).....	\$ 3.50
<u>1949</u>	Somers Fire Dept. (donation for injured fireman).....	\$ 25.00
	Chairs.....	\$326.25
	B.B.&W. Phone Co. (controls).....	\$ 15.00
<u>1950</u>	Purchased lot (Vincent Schener).....	\$1200.00
	Hose (Wisconsin Fire Protective Co.).....	\$404.40
<u>1951</u>	B.B. & W. Phone Co. (siren).....	\$ 7.00
	Rope (Reinaman Hardware).....	\$ 14.85
	Fire extinguishers (Wisconsin Fire Protective Co.).....	\$246.08
	Spaner Belts " " " .....	
	Lantern lights " " " .....	\$ 30.00
	B. B. & W. Phone Co. (relays).....	\$ 11.00
	Canvas covers (Chas Itzen).....	\$ 65.87
<u>1952</u>	Joe Uhlenhake (install. loud speaker system).....	\$ 60.00
<u>1954</u>	Fire siren (W.S. Darly and Sons).....	\$ 53.30
	Ossie Welding Service.....	\$ 90.03
	Peter Pirsch & Sons.....	\$180.00
<u>1955</u>	W.S. Darley Co. ....	\$177.49
	Canvas portable pump.....	\$ 7.00
<u>1956</u>	W.S. Darley Co. ....	\$133.50
	Fire fighting equip. ....	\$623.96
	Ossie Welding Service (one-third down, bal. on new tank per contract).....	\$829.00
	W.S. Darley Co. ....	\$123.75
	Ossie Welding Service (bal. on new tank).....	\$1795.82
<u>1957</u>	Burlington Memorial Hospital.....	\$300.00
	Ossie Welding Service.....	\$ 33.01
<u>1958</u>	Ossie Welding Service.....	\$ 41.58
	Town of Wheatland (Francis Kerkman, Treas. Fire House).....	\$6500.00
<u>1959</u>	Walgren Printing (Stationary).....	\$ 33.25

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<u>1960</u>	Acme Mfg. Co. ....	\$ 60.75
	Robert Krueger.....	\$ 25.00
	American Fire Equip. Co. ....	\$ 71.77
<u>1962</u>	Highway Service Garage.....	\$ 35.00
<u>1964</u>	Arthur Bendlin.....	\$526.91
	Ossie Welding Service.....	\$ 55.50
	Arthur Bendlin.....	\$ 22.50
<u>1965</u>	Arthur Bendlin.....	\$107.78
	Fuller Estate (childrens fund estate).....	\$ 25.00
<u>1966</u>	Arthur Bendlin.....	\$ 99.50
<u>1967</u>	Arthur Bendlin.....	\$140.50
<u>1970</u>	Norms Electric (new electric service at New Munster ball park).....	\$300.00
<u>1971</u>	Sonny's T V Service (for PA system).....	\$383.00
<u>1972</u>	Town of Wheatland (new fire truck).....	\$10000.00

This report is up to the month of March I, 1972.

The money that also has been paid out that is not recorded on this report does not include:

1. Baseball league and equip.
2. Lunch after meetings for fire dept. members
3. Water fight team entry and trophy fees
4. Salary for the officers of fire dept.
5. Christmas gifts (phone co. & ladies preparing food)
6. Truck check up each month
7. Tri-county association dues
8. Denosha County Fireman Association dues
9. etc.

This report reveals that the volunteer members of the Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department donate much of their own time for the welfare of Wheatland Township and it's outlying areas. Expenses not recorded on this report are in excess of \$10,000. The Wheatland Volunteer Fire Department records are available upon request.

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