

Board of Commissioners
Sennett Fire District
Special Meeting - New vehicle purchase
March 14, 2024
CO#2 - Franklin St. Firehouse

Present: John Komarisky
William J. Feocco
David Morris
Urson LaSagna
Tyson Turner

John Komarisky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

New Business:

- The following resolution was discussed...

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Sennett Fire District in the Town of Sennett, Cayuga County, New York, under the obligation and authority to purchase apparatus for the extinguishment and prevention of fires and for the purpose of emergency rescue (Town Law §176.13), duly convened in a special session does hereby resolve pursuant to the provision of the laws of the State of New York that the Sennett Fire District be and hereby does authorize the transfer of a sum not to exceed \$75,000.00 from its Truck Reserve Fund to the District's General Operating account for the purchase of one fire service vehicle.

- This purchase was not part of the 2024 general budget. Urson asked how this "direct to scene" vehicle will affect operational readiness versus the current vehicle. The current vehicle has no storage for turnout gear, AEDs, equipment, and it only fits two people. Originally it was purchased as a Squad vehicle to sit behind the tanker at Co#1. The current vehicle does not have the correct lights.
- Tyson asked if this vehicle would be the only one arriving on scene. Jason stated that sometimes this is the only vehicle arriving on scene as there are times when all three chiefs are on different calls at the same time. As department calls increase, it is important that each chief has all the equipment necessary to operate as a command post on scene when they arrive. The current Squad does not allow for that.
- The new Tahoe is in stock at Denooyer for \$54,109.26 on state bid. It may not be available at a later date for this price. A blanket statement cannot be made with regard to any cost savings if purchased now due to the volatility in the vehicle market. The old vehicle cannot be used in trade and will need to be sold outright through Auction International.
- William stated that the purchase of a new vehicle now might push subsequent tentative purchases on the capital plan "further down the line."
- Tyson Turner made the motion to accept the above resolution subject to a permissive referendum pursuant to Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law. Seconded by David Morris. Four votes in favor. One vote opposed. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Adams Insurance has asked the district to complete a renewal questionnaire and suggested the district increase the values on the vehicles to reflect current replacement values. Premiums will increase by five to six percent. John will bring the estimate to the next meeting.
- The exhaust system in the kitchen is due for inspection at a cost of \$120.00. This is required by the health department. A motion was made by Urson LaSagna to schedule the inspection. Seconded by David Morris. All in favor. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Urson LaSagna against renewing the Isaac Heating service contract for \$2,200.00 as there is no scope of work attached to the renewal. William Feocco seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - o Urson would like to know what will be provided should the district accept the contract. John will call Isaac.
 - o There are several different heating systems between the district's two locations. Dale Cotton is a retired HVAC professional who could look at the district's systems and advise the department on what is needed each year.
- The smoking policy is being worked on with the understanding that it is for fire personnel only.
- A motion was made at the last meeting to accept the quote from Spectrum of \$205.95 to upgrade the phones and the receiver box at Co#1 as they are no longer supported. Spectrum has since raised the quote to \$220.95 because the department is not a "new" customer. Tyson has rejected the new quotation on the grounds that this upgrade is not by choice as Spectrum is no longer supporting the hardware they installed at Co#1.
- Tyson Turner will be meeting with John Ware regarding the door locking system on March 27th

Deputy Chair:

- No Report.

Chief Report: Ben Haynes

- No Report.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 PM. Motion by David Morris. Seconded by Tyson Turner. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Christopher

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Secretary/Treasurer