

Minutes

January 27, 2022

Special meeting of the Village Board of Trustees to discuss the purchasing and financing of a fire truck

Present: Mayor Dale Leiser

Trustees: David Flaherty  
Dorene Weir  
Michael Abrams  
James Mark Browne

Also attending: Fire Chief Matt Cohn; Raymond Lauster; Charles Rothermel; Susan Patterson; former Trustee Richard Phillips.

Mayor Leiser called the special meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Leiser explained that the village does not need to pay anything towards the fire truck to place the order. The fire truck will not be ready until 2024 in that time the village could pay towards the fire truck to receive financial incentives from Pierce Manufacturing. The village could pre pay for the truck and receive \$25,379 in incentives. The village would receive more incentives from Pierce Manufacturing than they would gain in interest keeping the money in the village's fire truck savings account. Mayor Leiser would like the board to consider taking the \$160,000 from the fire truck savings account and apply it to the acquisition of the fire truck (\$755,000). Take the budgeted funds paid out each year towards fire department bonds and savings account and put it towards the truck each year until the truck is delivered. For example, for the 2022/2023 budget year the village would normally pay \$40,000 for bond payments and \$25,000 to the fire truck savings. Have the village continue to budget those funds and send a payment to Pierce Manufacturing in the amount of \$65,000 in the 2022-2023 fiscal year and again in the 2023 -2024 fiscal year reducing the amount to be financed. The total financial incentives Pierce Manufacturing is offering if the fire truck is pre-paid including the Chassis is \$25,379. If the village chooses to pay a little each year until the truck arrives they will give a percent of the financial incentives towards the truck. Of that financial incentive there is a \$10,918 pre pay of the Chassis if paid 90 days prior to arrival.

Mayor Leiser and Clerk Treasurer Heeder spoke with the Village Attorney Robert Fitzsimmons, Bond Attorney John Mineaux and Bill Krug representative of Pierce Manufacturing this morning. After speaking with Bond Attorney John Mineaux concerning the upcoming projects the village may be addressing due to the grants

the village has applied for. It was thought best to contact BST Fiscal Advisors to assist in preparation of bonding for future proposed projects including the bonding of the fire truck.

Trustee Browne is in support of the fire truck he would like to see the Village Board move forward with the public communication to the residence to show transparency. A motion made by Trustee Browne to send out the public communication via email blast and posting the Q&A to the village website; seconded by Trustee Weir. All voted "aye".

A motion made by Trustee Flaherty to have Mayor Leiser sign the contract with Firematic Supply Company, Inc for the purchase of a Pierce Enforcer Pumper; seconded by Trustee Weir. All voted "aye".

Clerk Heeder requested the documentation from the fire company of why this fire truck was chosen over any other truck. Chief Matt Cohn noted he will forward the spec sheets showing the safety features, the type of Chassis and brand of truck that assisted in the determination for the best truck and pricing for the fire department.

Trustee Browne created a document that addresses the procurement process. He lists the contributing factors that guided the Fire Department in choosing this particular fire truck. He read the document aloud and requested Clerk Heeder to place it in the file.

Mayor Leiser inquired if any of the members of the fire department or former Trustee Richard Phillips had any questions or comments. None were received.

A motion made by Trustee Abrams to close the special meeting at 6:21 PM; seconded by Trustee Flaherty. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder