



Barkhamsted Fire District Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 10th, 2024

Town meeting was called to order by President Richard Winn at 20:00 (8:00) hours. This special meeting was published in the paper and filed appropriately with the Town Hall and the quorum for the meeting was met.

1. To act on a proposal recommended by the Board of Directors that the Barkhamsted Fire District purchase a service truck in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

Bruce Weller asked why did we sell the other utility truck that Marq Johnson used when he was the paid firefighter and more specifically why did we sell it prior to purchasing a new utility truck. Kevin Archer explained that if we did not sell it prior to purchasing the district would have incurred unexpected and unbudgeted expenses including replacement of the brakes and tires. Additionally the warranty of the truck had run out. Richard Winn explained that when the previous utility truck was designed and purchased it was for a different paid firefighter. Kevin Archer completes different things than Marq Johnson did. Also we needed to see how much money we would get from the old vehicle. Bruce Weller further inquired why we are purchasing a new utility if we have two good trucks in Riverton. Norman Bird explained that the trucks in Riverton are the two oldest trucks in the fleet. Keith Archer explained that one of those two trucks has a pump that should not be out regularly in the freezing temperatures and that squad 51 is a heavy duty truck which wouldn't be efficient to drive around regularly.

The motion to act on a proposal recommended by the Board of Directors that the Barkhamsted Fire District purchase a service truck in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 was made by Keith Archer and seconded by Juan Jaramillo. Motion carried.

2. If the proposal to purchase a service truck is approved, then act on a proposal by the Board of Directors to appropriate the sum of \$18,500 from the "Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures" and the sum of \$56,500 from undesignated surplus (sale of previous vehicle) to be used to purchase the service truck.

The motion to act on a proposal by the Board of Directors to appropriate the sum of \$18,500 from the "Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures" and the sum of \$56,500 from undesignated surplus (sale of previous vehicle) to be used to purchase the service truck was made by Jamie Lagassie and seconded by Keith Archer. Motion carried.

3. To transact any other business properly before said meeting.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jamie Lagassie and seconded by Dick Ransom. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.

Attendance

President: Richard Winn

Vice President: D. Richard Ransom

Directors: John Andryzeck (virtual), Jamie Lagassie, Karl Jacobs (virtual), Larry Gillen, Keith Archer

Chiefs: Stephen Elovirta, Jim Shanley , Norman Bird

Treasurer: Amy O'Toole

Clerk: Amanda O'Toole

Paid Firefighter: Kevin Archer

Guests: Barkhamsted Town Residents

Absent:

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda O'Toole, District Clerk

Attachments: materials distributed during meeting and emailed before meeting.