

## Board meeting work Session

Friday, January 14, 2022

12:15pm

Present: Chairperson Carla VanCamp, Supervisor Linda Adamczyk, Supervisor Joe Heyrman, Fire Chief Dawn Herlache

Notice posted Wed, January 12, 2022

Purpose of the meeting – to look over, question and discuss changes to the lease agreement to purchase a new fire truck.

New changes are:

10-year lease instead of 15 years.

The Fire Dept. increased the down payment to \$120,000 (from \$100,000). This is \$70,000 from Fireman's Wives fundraising, \$30,000 from budget depreciation, \$15,000 from 2% fire dues, \$5000.00 in recent donations.

In addition, the Fire Dept. committed to \$6000.00 yearly from fundraising to cover the \$60,000.00 balloon payment at the end of the 10-year lease.

Chief Herlache is applying for a grant through the Rural Development for up to \$50,000.00. Any grant money received would go towards the new truck. Chief Herlache is also applying for smaller grants that can go towards other supplies and equipment. Adamczyk asked Herlache to list fire trucks we currently have:

- \*2013 mini pumper – for multipurpose use
- \* Ladder truck
- \* 1988 engine 2912, seats 6, water tank replaced in 2003 and fittings and other items also overhauled and replaced as well.
- \* Small engine #2911 – seats 2 people
- \*1996 tender – hauls water
- \*1997 tender – hauls water

VanCamp has concerns with the dwindling fire volunteers. If it continues it could mean merging with other departments in a few years. Herlache said the fire department is actively trying to recruit and may have three new members.

The Town board had a brief conference. Afterwards, VanCamp thanked Herlache for all the time and effort done researching the fire truck. VanCamp also commended the fire department for working with the town board by coming up with changes to the purchase agreement. VanCamp said before this, she felt our dwindling fire depart. and fire trucks were still serviceable; older, but safe, and to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers, she was planning to say no. The changes that were made has changed her mind to say yes in favor of purchasing a new truck. Heyrman read his statement and said yes to purchasing a new truck. Adamczyk said her answer had a stipulation attached; she told Herlache there would have to be a lot more training, especially on the mechanics of the trucks which would avoid mistakes that could be costly to the budget. Herlache agreed. Adamczyk said yes to the purchase of a new truck.

The Board will meet again to sign paperwork

This meeting ended at 1:45pm

*Submitted Linda Adamczyk, Supervisor – ok'd 2/8/22*