

**SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2022 AT 5:30PM
TOWN HALL, SELECT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM**

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chair Antanavica called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Chair Rick Antanavica, Vice-Chair John Shocik, Second Vice-Chair Herb Duggan Jr., Selectman Dianna Provencher, Selectman Allen Phillips, Town Administrator David Genereux and Assistant Town Administrator Kristen Forsberg were in attendance.

Discuss/Vote on Purchase of New Ambulance and Fire Truck (ARPA Funding)

Mr. Genereux discussed the first two proposed purchases under ARPA; a new ambulance at a cost of and a new fire truck at a cost of \$702,020.78. Both requests were unanimously approved by the Capital Improvement Planning Committee on Tuesday night.

Leicester is in competition with another community for the fire truck. Mr. Genereux discussed two options for the purchase of the fire truck:

- Option 1 – Trade in Engine 4 (1999 freightliner pumper) and a 2003 freightliner rescue vehicle for \$20,000 which would go towards covering the remaining work including moving our equipment on to the vehicle, adding automatic drop-down chains and other necessary equipment. This option would likely cover most of the overall expense of mounting gear onto the new apparatus.
- Option 2 – Trade in Engine 4 (1999 freightliner pumper) for \$5,000 which would only cover the cost of the automatic drop-down chains and nothing else. Option 2 would keep the 2003 freightliner rescue vehicle for use for other purposes or to sell later but we would have to fund the outfitting of the new fire truck with additional ARPA funds.

The Board discussed the two options, including bidding out the 2003 rescue vehicle as it only has 6,600 miles with a diesel engine which is a very sought out vehicle, the belief that the 2003 rescue vehicle is worth far more than \$15,000 (possibly \$40K-\$50K), considering vehicle shortages, looking at companies that purchase these types of vehicles such as Brindlee Mountain, considering rising costs of steel, the fact that replacing engine 4 will be good for 10 years and combining the purposes of two trucks into one (the pumper and the rescue).

Motion 021722-1: A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Ms. Provencher to move forward with option 1, trading in both Engine 4 (1999 freightliner pumper) and the 2003 freightliner rescue vehicle for \$20,000 and purchasing the new fire truck for \$702,020.78. **Motion failed 0:5:0.**

Motion 021722-2: A motion was made by Mr. Duggan and seconded by Mr. Phillips to move forward with option 2, trading in only Engine 4 (1999 freightliner pumper) for \$5,000 and purchasing the new fire truck for \$702,020.78. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**

Mr. Genereux discussed the proposed new ambulance purchase. A new 2022 Dodge 5500HD ambulance became available several weeks ago through a purchasing group at a cost of \$308,000 less trade in. The Town would like to reserve the truck now and authorize the Chair to sign the forthcoming contract.

Motion 021722-3: A motion was made by Mr. Shocik and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the purchase of a 2022 Dodge 5500HD ambulance at a cost of \$308,000 less trade in and to authorize the Chair to sign the contract with Bulldog Fire Services. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**

Motion 021722-4: A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Provencher at 5:56pm. **Motion carries 5:0:0.**