

MINUTES FROM CAPITAL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 06, 2018

Time of Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Ed Forsberg (Chairman), Josette Burke, Noreen Gordon, Anne Healy, Timothy Hempton, Al Tedesco, and Donna Donnellan (secretary);

Also Present: Tom Gregory (Assistant Town Admin), Patrick Shield (Recreation Department)

Departments present at meeting:

Chief Carmichael & Deputy Chief Mackenzie (WPD)

Chief Bailey (WFD)

Roger Turner (Emergency Management)

Introduction:

Tom explained that funding would be from free cash, with some borrowing and use of the ambulance fund for fire department

WALPOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Requests:

1) Unmarked Squad Car (\$36,500.00)- Deputy Chief Mackenzie explained that the 2013 Ford Fusion (23,000 miles) is not big enough to accommodate the needs of the WPD; it also “shakes” when it hits 55 mph, has low visibility, and issues with rear window (hard to see). He further explained that this vehicle would be good only for “local driving” and recommends it go to another department in the town system; there is only 1 Ford Fusion in the fleet. Donna questioned what warranty might be on this vehicle as it is only a few years old. Deputy Chief Mackenzie will research and provide warranty info. Further note that Chief Carmichael attested to the shaking of the vehicle while he was in the vehicle following a suspect.

2) Portable Tablets for Detectives (\$22,000.00) - Deputy Chief Mackenzie explained that the marked cruisers have equipment accessible to “run plates/license,” and access to cameras; however, the detective vehicles do not have this access and rely on “calling information in to the station.” Chief Carmichael indicated that “the bad guys” have access to this information as it goes over to the station, which could compromise and investigation. The WPD is asking for five (5) tablets, but when questioned as to how many they would really want, they would take whatever is offered.

3) RAD equipment (\$19,000.00) - This is a program the WPD has sponsored for 13 years. It initially started off training women to defend themselves, and now includes kids and seniors. Equipment is quite aged, and it would be beneficial to have updated equipment to continue offering this program.

4) CPR/AED Packages (\$6,000.00) - WPD is asking for this package to help train medical officers and civilians with CPR/AED instruction; Officer Hazeldine indicates that updated tools will help with hands-on training.

5) F150 Pick-up truck (\$50,000.00) - Deputy Chief Mackenzie indicated that some of the officers are using their personal trucks or vehicles to transport items necessary for police business. Examples were accident scene reconstruction, cones, horses, parade items. He explained that having one truck things could be locked up and secured in the bed. Donna asked how often transporting of items occur, he indicated "7 times in November."

WALPOLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Replace 1997 E-One Class A Fire Engine (\$650,000.00) - Chief Bailey presented to replace this fire engine as it:

- has a reserve pump
- has 84,000 miles
- has incurred \$44,429 in repairs from 2008-2017
- is the oldest of 4
- staggering back
- still has a \$200,000 gift from the Siemens company
- would be 10-12 months away (takes 90 days to build)
- \$175,000 would be from "free cash"
- \$375,000 would be from "ambulance fund"

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Roger Turner presented the following requests:

1. New Emergency Operating Center (\$10,000.00) -
There are 4 trailers outside with no place for antennas
2. Interoperability Improvements (Town Hall) (\$10,000.00) -
3. Upgrade Emergency generators at OPR/Boyden/JMS (tbd) - request to upgrade the generators at these schools
4. EM Equipment storage garage (\$95,000.00) - Roger indicated that there is no proper storage of emergency equipment and requires a garage
5. Mobile communication trailer (\$7,000.00) - Roger indicated that they have no proper way to communicate with other departments in case of emergencies
6. Emergency generator for Blackburn (tbd) - Roger indicated that a generator for Blackburn is necessary in the event of a sheltered emergency
7. Trailer-mounted emergency generator (\$10,000) - Roger indicated that this emergency generator is needed in the event of an emergency requiring generator backup
8. Shelter supplies (\$5,000.00) - Roger indicated that they are in need of additional supplies for the shelter

9. AWD Pick Up Truck (tbd) - Roger indicated that having a truck would be beneficial in the event of emergencies

Roger further indicated that he has applied for, and been fortunate to receive, grants. Grants are based on the population. When asked what his order of preference would be should town funds be available, he indicated:

- 1) Garage space
- 2) Emergency generator
- 3) Storage of equipment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Donnellan
Capital Budget Committee, Secretary

Next meetings:

Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.