

PRESENT: Mayor Norman Youmans, Trustees Joseph Domachowske, Christine Schreiber, Scott Williams, Laureen Tackman, Fire Chief Zach Avery, David Martin

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Youmans at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRE TRUCK: Chief Avery presented and explained the specs for the 2 fire truck bids that were received. HME submitted a starting bid of \$189,862.00 (XL model) with additional options to bring it to \$211,854.00 plus \$2,300 for the UL Test. Toyne submitted a bid for \$207,679.00 (XLT model) with additional options that bring the price to \$225,199.00, this included the UL Test. Both trucks are a Ford F550 and have a stainless steel body and Hale pump. One has steel wheels and one has aluminum wheels. The XL has vinyl seats and rubber flooring and the XLT has cloth seats and carpeted floors. Chief Avery feels the XL will be wear better and longer. Chief Avery discussed with both bidders the options and costs associated. Both will take approximately 270 days for production and should be here by May. After much discussion of the options, Trustee Tackman asked whether or not Chief Avery and Mr. Martin felt the \$13,000 difference in the cost of the XLT version was worth it, and both felt it was not. Mayor Youmans commented that if this piece of equipment meets your needs and can save the taxpayers \$13,000 that's a good thing. Mr. Martin also commented that if they weren't happy with HME truck they would fight for the Toyne. Chief Avery asked that the UL test that needs to be performed that is an extra cost, could that be considered. Mayor Youmans made a motion accept the bid from HME for \$211,854 + \$2,300 for the UL test, second by Trustee Schreiber, all in favor. The discussion about financing the truck was brought up. The HME dealer can set it up, but there is also a possibility of a partial grant. The Clerk will get in touch with Mike Mannigan in Watertown to discuss the CF Loan Grant Package. Chief Avery stated that he would like to continue to budget the same amount (\$59,008) for the new truck in order to pay it off in a timely fashion.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET: Chief Avery stated that for many years it has been the practice for the Fire Chief to go to the Towns and ask for a budgetary increases. He feels that this is not his place, but the Board of Fire Commissioners (Village Board), as they are ultimately responsible for this money. The Village Board agreed with this assessment. Chief Avery stated that he had received some criticism that as he is a Village employee and his Asst. Chief is a Town of Vienna employee, it puts them in a difficult position asked for this increase. Mayor Youmans stated that there is nothing to be gained by the Fire Department and the Village not working together. Chief Avery stated he has no problem submitting a budget. Mayor Youmans will attend the Town of Vienna meeting with Chief Avery. Chief Avery also mentioned having the ISO and PESH reports be yearly rather than quarterly and he suggested entering into a 5 year contract with the Towns. This will keep the Fire Department going without worrying about the contracts from year to year. The cons to this are that 5 years ties your hands and doesn't allow for requesting additional funds should the need arise. Trustee Schreiber suggested a 3 year contract. Discussion followed and it was agreed that a 3 year contract would be acceptable with the option of extending it an additional 2 years and that asking for a 1% each year of the contract.

WATER PROJECT: Mayor Youmans stated that in talking with Rural Water's representative, Doug Smoral, he suggested we contact engineer Jack Dodson from Schenectady to advise the Village on the Water Project. Mr. Dodson comes highly recommended and is currently working with Sandy Creek and Henderson Harbor. Mayor Youmans explained our situation and Mr. Dodson stated he has worked with OCWA and B&L and that he specializes in working with small municipalities. The Village is looking for guidance for both the water and potential sewer project as this is new to all and we need to be represented. The cost for this will come from the water reserve fund as we may need to utilize this before we receive a grant of any kind. The Village Board in conjunction with the engineer can better inform the public on the best options for the Village water system moving forward. Mayor Youmans made a motion to hire Jack Dodson and Associates to represent the Village in our water and sewer projects, second by Trustee Domachowske, all in favor.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Mayor made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm, second by Trustee Tackman, all in favor.