

Capital Planning Committee Meeting

February 7, 2018

8:00 am

Attending: Audrey Kalmus, Chair; Jim Henderson, Peter Hussey, Jaki Apsler and Al Schmertzler. Also attending: Mary Day, Assistant Town Administrator, Jeff Birchby, FinCom Liaison and Stephen Carter, Fire Chief.

Fire Engine Refurbishment

Chief Carter discussed Engine 3 being out of commission and the need for a refurbishment. He said that the repair costs on the engine now totaled \$24,000 and the engine was out of service.

Chief Carter reviewed the options and was recommending an apparatus management plan and was suggesting a refurbishment at the ½ way point and then keeping the refurbished engine as the reserve piece.

He is going to build a stronger maintenance program. Part of that program will include a pressure washer that washes the underside of the engines and ambulances and he is also looking at galvanized frames. Both of these will help extend the life of the vehicles.

Discussion ensued regarding the refurbishment and whether it could actually last 8-10 years. Mr. Birchby suggested that an 8 year frontline and 8 year back up seemed less risky.

Ambulance Plan

Chief Carter explained that on the ambulances it's the chassis that goes, not the box. This makes them perfect for a remount every 6-8 years and a replacement every 12-16 years. The warranty on the chassis is the standard 5 year Ford warranty. The chassis gets more wear and tear as they go to more hospitals now; it used to just be Emerson Hospital. Mr. Birchby would like to see better alignment between the two ambulances so that there is more time between replacement and remounts. He asked if we could extend the remount to next year and Chief Carter said no. Mr. Birchby asked if we should replace it so that we are on a better timeline and Chief Carter explained that it is only the chassis that needed to be replaced as the box is fine.

Ms. Kalmus moved that the Ambulance be remounted. Mr. Henderson seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The committee and the Chief will continue to look for ways to realign the remount/replacement schedule.

Discussion

We would like to see a plan but feel that Engine 3 needs to be replaced now. The risk is too great right now with having the frontline engine being a refurbished engine and Engine 3 being out of service. Mr. Henderson agreed to work with the Chief to detail a buy option with a backup option.

Ms. Kalmus moved to approve \$180,000 for Engine 3 refurbishment. Mr. Schmertzler seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Ms. Kalmus moved to approve and recommend the priorities as follows:

1. Refurbish Engine 3
2. Replace 3 Air Conditioners at the Library
3. Public Safety Remodel

Minutes

Mr. Henderson moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018. Ms. Apsler seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45a.m. with a motion by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Ms. Apsler. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Day

Approved on: October 2, 2018