

Special Meeting
October 25, 2021
7:00 PM St 1

Commissioners:	Stephen DiLorenzo	(PRESENT)
	Christian Erichsen	(PRESENT)
	John Fraino	(PRESENT)
	Alan Barone	(PRESENT)
Secretary/Treasurer	James Passikoff	(PRESENT)
District Clerk	Denise A. Holzberger	(PRESENT)
Chief	Peter Miller	(PRESENT)

Chairman DiLorenzo called the meeting to order, led the salute to the flag and requested a moment of silence for all fallen firefighters.

Chairman DiLorenzo welcomed everyone. He stated that this is a special meeting to discuss the adoption of the 2022 Proposed Budget , however there are a few items to address first.

Room Request:

Sunday December 12, 2021, for the HHCO.#1 Children's Christmas Party requested by the Ladies Auxiliary , Amy Dunham . this is for the community room all day for set up , party, and clean up.

MOTION: Commissioner John Fraino moved to approve the request for use of the community room on December 12, 2021, for the Children's Christmas party, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent
Motion carried unan.

Service Awards- September 2021 Activity posted 10/17/2021

2022 Proposed Budget-

Commissioner Fraino stated he wanted to follow up from our meeting last week with his building concerns and doesn't like to leave savings on the table (pertaining to the purchase of new apparatus). We voted to purchase 2 trucks and transfer \$290,000 out of the reserve via permissive referendum and Agreed to replenish the reserve. That is a concern.

Commissioner Fraino also asked what the trade-in value of the compressor is. Chief Miller stated that the old compressor is 100 % obsolete; parts are no longer made, and parts would only be found on E-Bay.

Commissioner Fraino stated that he inquired with our roof contractors, and we can expect a life expectancy of 10-15 years and recommended a maintenance contract, which we have in place. Our Scott Paks will only need tank replacement in 10 years.

Our A/C units have been replaced. Our parking Lots need work; Station 2 seems in worse shape than Station 1. Two contractors gave a price of \$6.50 to \$7.00 per square foot for repair. Assistant Chief Anzalone stated that to relieve water issues finger drains are needed, core analysis needs to be done to assess condition. Milling is only a band-aid.

Commissioner Alan Barone stated that the price (of black top) will only go up if the price of oil rises. We have positive drainage there; it could last 10 years.

Commissioner Fraino stated that our biggest cost is the parking lot. All that being said, the 3rd engine proposal is a savings. Commissioner Fraino stated that he is for it, but proposes that the Apparatus Repair is reduced to \$25,000 and we move the \$38,700 to the Building Reserve. Move \$50,000 to the Building Repair and any unencumbered funds from 2021 to the Building Reserve. It was stated that we also discussed the Card Lock System and upgrading the security system.

To re-cap the proposed changes, Apparatus Repair is now \$63,700, reducing it to \$25,000 yields \$38,700.

Firematic Equipment is now \$100,000 ,reducing to \$50,000 yields \$50,000. \$38,700 plus \$50,000 Is \$88,700 to the Building Reserve.

Treasurer Passikoff stated that the transfer of \$290,000 from the building Reserve to the Apparatus was intended to be replaced; there is no time frame to return it. It was noted that the new compressor was paid for out of 2020 Unexpended funds.

Treasurer Passikoff recommended to leave the budget as is and move funds at the end of the year; he has concerns regarding the Equipment budget.

Commissioner Chris Erichsen stated that after crunching the numbers it does make sense to purchase the truck.

Treasurer Passikoff stated that a resolution is needed to amend the 2022 Proposed budget if you are going to change anything. Can the Chief live with this change in the equipment lines- Apparatus Repair, Equipment? For the repair of the parking lot, you must designate the funds, such as Blacktop improvements for St 1 and 2 . \$290,000 must go back to the Building repair.

At this time 7:35 Pm, Commissioner Fraino had to leave.

Commissioner Chris Erichsen stated he is uncomfortable with only \$25000 in the apparatus Repairs. Treasurer Passikoff stated that he is more comfortable with \$40,000.

Chief Miller stated that bonding is cheap now (low rates) putting money in the Bank isn't making any money. It was noted that sealing the cracks of the parking lots and then sealing the whole lot would buy us 5-10 Years.

Chief Miller explained that if 31-10 was not replaced now and 31-10 is a 2001 and run it 5 more years. Replacing it in 2027 would make it 4 years newer but the cost would be \$250,000 more.

Chairman DiLorenzo stated that we need to meet on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 5 PM to finalize this budget.

It was noted that as per Legal counsel a letter of intent is binding.

Chairman Dilorenzo discussed the follow up letter from Premier sent to us regarding the penalties for the delay of the delivery of the two new trucks. The amount that will reduce the price so far is \$17,000.

Sale of 31-10 and 20- Notices have been sent out throughout Ulster County regarding the sale of these trucks. We can also look at donating a truck to Ulster County for training and investigate Auctioning them off. Commissioner Chris Erichsen also recommended Gov.deals .com.

Public comment-none

Adjournment-

MOTION: There being no further business, at 8:20 PM Commissioner Alan Barone moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Chris Erichsen.

VOTE: 4 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain 0 Absent

Motion carried unan.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise A. Holzberger, District Clerk

APPROVED 11/10/2021