

Town of Franconia
Capital Improvement Planning Advisory Board
24 October 2022 • Time: 1530 • Town Hall

Present: Steve Plant, Monica Laflamme, Larry Plate, Dan Walker, Danielle Dawson, Kim Cowles

Others: Tyler Gaudette

Regrets: Jan Cole, Peter Grote, Trevor Presby

Absent: N/A

I. Call to Order / Opening Remarks

- A. The meeting was called to order at 1531.
- B. Jeremy Hall is being reschedule for another day. This item was removed from the agenda.

II. Approval of the Minutes from 17 October 2022

Motion: To approve the minutes of 17 October 2022 as amended

Motion By: Dan Walker

Seconded By: Larry Plate

Carried

III. Additions to the Agenda - None

IV. Approval of the Agenda - Accepted as amended via item IB.

V. Fire Dept/EMS Follow-Up - Asst. Chief Tyler Gaudette

- A. Asst. Chief Tyler Gaudette brought forth a clarification of the equipment which should be covered under the Safety Equipment line item. He recommends the fund be used for the purchase or replacement of tools and equipment that ensure safety to firefighters and civilians. He provided a list of tools and equipment to accomplish this (e.g. PPE, SCBA, technical rescue equipment, and hose, nozzles, and related accessories).

Some specific examples of items discussed which would qualify under the Safety Equipment are:

- The cost to outfit a new firefighter with complete turnout gear is approximately \$5k.
- Sale of one of the existing trucks to go towards \$45k replacement of the hydraulic technical rescue equipment (via warrant article). Cost of retrofitting the existing equipment would be \$60k. There is not a current line item to replace this if it were damaged on a job.
- Ice rescue and swift water rescue suits are approximately \$1k each
- Hazardous gas detection meters can be damaged by being over exposed to the materials they detect. This can happen during carbon monoxide

incidents, detection of corrosives and explosives on motor vehicle accidents, and an increased number of new home incidents where adhesives are being used.

- Existing 10-12 SCBA

Current appropriation to the fund was \$8k based off of turnout gear and SCBA.

Asst. Chief Gaudette was asked to clarify the delta in ambulance quotes received. The current ambulance is an F450 - quote was based on pricing trends and moved to an F550. This accounts for the power cot and cardiac/ventilation equipment which takes up more room.

B. No motions were made during this session.

C. No follow-up required

D. Task:

1. Provide an estimate for the mobile radio for the rescue truck (31 October 2022) - Asst. Chief T. Gaudette

VI. CIP Spreadsheet Updates

- A. Steve Plant presented on behalf of Jan Cole. Jan has made updates to include the tax impact by department and adjusted values for work in process under the current year. There are a few line items projecting short of where they may need to be at the time of replacement. The planned increase results in a tax impact of \$0.44 which accounts for an improved inflation estimate over the next 5 years. All CIP members are encouraged to review the latest revision. There is an opportunity to use the Unassigned Fund Balance to negate the tax impact.

VII. Q&A

- A. Review of Open Action Tracker

VIII. Adjournment

- A. The meeting was called to adjourn at 1646.

IX. Next Meeting - 7 November 2022

Danielle Dawson - 24 October 2022