Garfield Township

Special Board Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2022

Called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Clayton, Lard, Roland & Yarhouse. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs.

**Agenda**: The meeting agenda was reviewed. Motion to accept agenda was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

**Supervisor Notes:** Bly spoke about the Flow Sheet. The Tender for $178,820.00 and the Attack Tender for $332,000.00. These are the 2 vehicles the Garfield Fire department is interested in purchasing.

**Public Comment**: No Comment

Kevin Tubbs, Fire Chief spoke to the Board about replacing two of the fire trucks. He distributed an informational packet to the Board with all the stats on these two vehicles. He stated that with the raising prices and the limited available supply, he feels this something that needs to be addressed by the Board.

The current tanker we have is for sale and it is possible we may have a buyer. Still looking for a buyer for the Tack Tender.

Replace the Tender with 2007 Mack Chassis with 3000-gallon tank, 550 GPM Berkley pump, to be built by Osco Tank and Truck sales. It is currently painted red and if we don’t paint it a “odd” color they will buy it back if we are not happy with it, before 90 days. The cost of this is $178,280.00. There is no warrant on the chassis.

Yarhouse asked what other expenses the Fire Department would have with this vehicle. Tubbs stated that it would only be adding hoses & nozzles, which they already have on hand.

Byl mentioned that currently we have spent $19,184.00 in repairs and maintenance on the current two vehicles that need to be replaced. Byl feels we need to commit to the millage money and update the equipment.

Roland feels we are “panic buying” and felt this could wait until the next meeting at the end of March and not call a special meeting. She felt she didn’t have time to do her research, and that is unfair to the Board or the taxpayers.

Yarhouse felt the 5-year plan was not to purchase 2 vehicles.

Clayton feels the prices are just going to keep rising and with the low inventory this might be the time to buy.

Lard feels if it is needed and fits the need of the Fire Department that it should be acted upon and not play the waiting game.

Byl said he spoke to Isabella Bank, and we can lock in an interest rate and open a line of credit and do draws as needed on these vehicles.

**Motion #1:** The motion to arrange for a line of credit through Isabella Bank for up to $400,000.00 on a 5-year note. Interest rate at the time of close with a maximum interest of 5.25% including a onetime loan fee of $500.00, for the purpose of purchasing fire trucks. Motion was made by Clayton and supported by Byl. Roll call vote: Clayton Yes / Byl Yes / Yarhouse No / Roland No/ Lard Yes. Motion carried.

**Motion #2:** The motion to purchase 2007 Tender built by Osco Tank & Truck for $178,280.00. Motion was made by Byl and supported by Clayton. Roll call vote: Byl Yes / Clayton Yes /Yarhouse No / Roland No/ Lard Yes. Motion carried.

**Motion #3:** Motion to purchase 2022 Attack Tender (3000-gallon tanker, 1000 GPM Hale pump) built by Fousts, purchased through Axes and Irons for $332,000.00. Byl and supported by Clayton. Roll call vote: Byl Yes / Clayton Yes /Yarhouse No / Roland No/ Lard Yes. Motion carried.

Tubbs would like to thank the Board for the Yes votes.

Next meeting is March 28, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Lard, supported by Byl. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

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Supervisor – David Byl Clerk – Janet Clayton