

The Chester Township Board of Trustees met in special session Wednesday, November 9, 2022 in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 5:30 P.M. Chairman Ken Radtke presided.

Roll Call: All Trustees and the Fiscal Officer were present. Administrator Purchase was present too.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Board led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Joining by phone was Chief Shaw. The topic of replacing an old clunker was discussed at the beginning of the year. During the course of the year there has been a challenge with a certain vehicle. It is functional, but it needs a manifold and parts are difficult to find. The pumper is used on a very limited basis. It still is in service and it can pump water and it is safe to drive. However, it is loud and you have to drive with the windows down since carbon monoxide builds up in the cab. Months ago the department began looking for a demo unit to replace the 30 year old truck. The demo seemed more appealing over a new truck based on the production time being less. Production time on a custom unit is close to 24 months. Previously, while discussing finance for a specific vehicle, the vehicle got sold. This new opportunity has come up and right now it is not currently known by other sales staff. Come Friday the vehicle will be released to other sales representatives. They do expect a quick sale as well. The truck is very basic but fits the needs of this department. Chief Shaw is looking for a vehicle that can transport firefighters to an emergency, has the ability to carry water, pump water, has hose, general equipment such as ladders, etc. No extras or bells and whistles. A good old fashion work-horse type vehicle that should last quite a long time. Mr. Radtke asked what some bells and whistles on a fire truck would be. Chief Shaw replied electronic valve controls. That means to activate a valve you push a button, or turn a dial. He shared his experience has been with salt on roads those don't fare very well. This is an old-fashioned T-handle where you turn a quarter of a turn and pull it out and it's all manually operated. Chief Shaw also shared that he feels some of the bells and whistles take away from the craft of being a firefighter. Part of being a firefighter is understanding hydraulics and water movement. If all you have to do is push a button that is great – but what if the button does not work and you don't understand the math and science behind it. Simply put that becomes problematic. Mr. Richter asked if anything that is not on the vehicle could be added on later. Chief Shaw responded that a discussion took place with the sales representative for what is called an EMS cabinet. This would be mounted within the cab and would hold medical equipment. This could be added and there would be an additional charge of about \$8,500-\$9,000 with all the wiring, fabrication and design. Administrator Purchase asked if the price included all the lights, paint, siren, etc. The answer was yes. Most equipment could also be transferred from one truck to another, including the hose. There could be a cost to mount the equipment. The graphics may or may not be included. Graphics are not normally that expensive Chief Shaw shared. This new truck would work as the first pumper truck since the other one we have is older. There should be value on the old pumper. Someone could want parts or even possibly a small department that runs 50-100 calls a year may have interest. There is value to everything the department has, but the question is how much value the Chief noted. The township has two pumpers and two tankers. Chief Shaw will evaluate tankers next year.

Fiscal Officer Jarrett stated we do have the money to buy the truck. Once the Sourcewell purchase order is signed, it is sent over, and Sourcewell orders the vehicle and it is ours. It is cheaper to buy than lease. We would save \$9,145 if we paid ½ when chassis arrives at plant and if we bought the savings is \$ 185,000 over a 10 year lease. Delivery of this vehicle would be September of 2023.

RESOLUTION 2022-456. Mr. Radtke moved to approve up to \$625,000.00 for the purchase of a Rosenbauer Pumper and approve and sign the PO for Sourcewell in the amount of \$560,000.00 from appropriation 2111-760-740-0303. Mr. Richter seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Radtke, yes; Mr. Mazzurco, yes; Mr. Richter, yes. Motion passed.

Chief Shaw noted the budget was off because of labor and employment issues and the payments have all been made. The department was unaware of what the actual amount would be, but they did have to absorb it. Police and Fire Pension shortage still needs to be reviewed. Trustee Richter noted there is not an approval for part-time firefighters for the contract. He is questioning if this amount will include retro-pay that will be owed. The answer is yes.

RESOLUTION 2022-457. Mr. Radtke moved to approve an increase to the Fire Department appropriations as listed in the table below, for estimated expenses through year end. Mr. Richter seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Radtke, yes; Mr. Mazzurco, yes; Mr. Richter, yes. Motion passed.

2111-220-190-6002 Other/Salaries Clerical	114,900.00
2111-220-215-0000 Ohio Police & Fire	25,000.00
2111-760-740-0303 Mach, Equip & Furn (Vehicles, engines, squads)	625,000.00

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Radtke adjourned the meeting at 5:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Jarrett, Fiscal Officer

November 17, 2022 Motion # 2022-459
Approval Date

Ken Radtke, Jr., Chairman

Joseph C. Mazzurco, Vice-Chairman

Craig S. Richter, Trustee