

EAST GLENVILLE FIRE DISTRICT #3
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
February 7, 2024

Present: Commissioner Wendi Gapczynski
Commissioner Beth Larson
Commissioner Al Martin
Commissioner Doug Bradt
Commissioner Ross Thornhill
District Secretary Lindsay Abel
District Treasurer Jeff Prescott
Chief Nick Abel
1st Assistant Chief Mike Meier
2nd Assistant Chief John Jewell
Firefighter Kevin Weber
Larry Gates- Representative from Vander Molen
Nick Catalino- Representative from Vander Molen
Adam Schwabrow- Representative from Vander Molen

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gapczynski at 500pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were fourteen people present.

Discussion was held regarding the added cost of painting the frame rails. Larry Gates from Vander Molen explained the added benefits and protection of painting the frame rails. Commissioner Thornhill asked if this would nullify any warranty. Per the Vander Molen representatives, it would not.

Discussion was held regarding the cost of tool mounting. The \$25,000 is a generous figure that may not be completely used, and could potentially be left out of the final bill.

Commissioner Bradt asked if there will be a final itemized list of what was used and what was not. Nick Catalino confirmed that there will be a final itemized list of what was needed and what was not.

Commissioner Thornhill asked where hard suction would be located. Chief Abel answered that it will be in the rear ladder compartment.

Larry Gates made the Board aware that regular pictures will be sent as the truck is being built to track progress.

Commissioner Martin asked the difference between building in OH vs PA. The Committee is recommending to build in PA due to the shorter lead time.

Discussion was held regarding the benefits of the minifridge that is currently on the concept sheet.

Discussion was held regarding headsets, and how many sets are necessary in the truck.

Discussion was held regarding the addition of 13in on the hosebed, which would also add 13in to the total length of the truck. Nick from Vander Molen explained the benefits of adding this space to the hose bed.

Discussion was held regarding the size of the proposed engine versus the current length of ER-2321. The proposed truck will be shorter.

Discussion was held regarding how they plan to maintain the quoted delivery time.

Commissioner Thornhill asked if there was any update as to if there will be the new motor or the old-style motor.

Commissioner Thornhill asked when we needed to have an answer to them by. The current quote is good until 2/15/24, 30 days from the date the quote was given.

Commissioner Gapczynski asked how the City of Schenectady gets trucks for so much less money than what East Glenville was quoted. Chief Abel explained that the City of Schenectady leases their trucks.

Discussion was held regarding adding the 13 inches to the proposed engine.

Discussion was held regarding the total cost of the truck, and that every manufacturer was around the same cost.

Additional discussion was held regarding the benefits of having a minifridge on the truck.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Larson and approved to approve \$1,308,415.00 for the purchase of 1 Sutphen Pumper from Vander Molen. \$1,300,000.00 to come out of the Apparatus Reserve and \$8,415.00 to come out of an account that will be determined later by the District Treasurer.

Discussion was held regarding the desired paint color of the engine. Commissioner Thornhill expressed that the trucks need to be uniform. An estimate of approximately \$20,000 to paint all of the trucks black and red was presented to the Board.

Commissioner Larson expressed that she does not think that there is any issue with the trucks not matching.

Nick Catalino from Vander Molen presented the contract to Commissioner Gapczynski and the contract was signed after being reviewed by the entire Board.

Appropriate 2023 excess fund balance 8,415.00 allocated to fund the remainder of the truck cost.

A motion for resolution was made by Commissioner Thornhill, seconded by Commissioner Bradt and approved to appropriate 12/31/2022 Assigned Unappropriated Fund Balance (Reserved for Encumbrances) as follows:

Increase:	A3410.200	Purchase Trucks and Equipment	8,415.00
Increase:	A5095	Appropriated Fund Balance	8,415.00

To provide funding for the amount over what was released from the Apparatus Reserve for the purchase of the new Sutphen Pumper.

Discussion was held regarding the mutual grant with Alplaus. Alplaus has suggested that a common grant is written with them for a compressor and air packs.

Discussion was held regarding whether or not Alplaus would have access to the building to use the Compressor.

Discussion was held regarding adding a lock box to the outside with a key to access the building.

Discussion was regarding who would be responsible for maintenance on the equipment.

Commissioner Larson expressed concerns if there is accountability of who uses the machine. Chief Abel reassured that there is a log that tracks all bottles filled.

Discussion was held regarding who will be writing the grant.

Discussion was held regarding the current Operational Consolidation with the Alplaus Fire Department.

Discussion was held regarding inviting the Alplaus Board of Fire Commissioners to have a meeting with them. Contact will be made with the AFD Board to

Commissioner Gapczynski expressed concerns that the Board would prefer to have a qualified individual in a vacant chief car. It was also reiterated that if a chief is out of the car for an extended period of time it needs to be relayed to the Board.

Bay door #1 is out of service and needs the opening mechanism replaced. Commissioner Larson received an estimate to replace Bay door #1 is \$3,350, the estimate received to replace all 8 doors would be \$22,995. Commissioner Larson will be receiving additional quotes for the work.

The closer mechanism on the District Admin door is leaking, \$1,395 All Type Professional Doors.

Motion to replace both approved to come out of 401

A motion was made by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Martin and approved to approve \$1,395 to All Type Professional Doors to repair the District Office door to come out of A3410.401 Grounds and Buildings.

Commissioner Larson asked that the membership take extra care when it comes to general house keeping.

The Verizon Plan is now being handled by The District Administrator, District Statistician, and Commissioner Bradt.

Discussion was held regarding updating the LOSAP policy

The lawyer will be contacted regarding changing losap point policy

A motion was made by Commissioner Thornhill, seconded by Commissioner Larson and approved to adjourn at 7:27pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Abel
District Secretary