

# Village of Waterloo

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## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

7/14/2023

A Special Board Meeting was held on Friday, 7/14/2023, at 1:30pm in the Village Office.

**Roll Call:** Attending the meeting were the Honorable Mayor Bennett, Trustee Butlak, Trustee Bartran, and Trustee Trahms. Trustee Suffredini was absent.

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Fire Chief, Mark Shaw presented the Village Board with the terms of an offer to purchase a used Fire Truck from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$495,000. The apparatus: 2017 Spartan Metro Custom Pumper, Stock #16308. He stated that this truck has been reviewed and tested for its condition by JPB Fire Services who has been used by the Waterloo Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) for many years to handle its fire truck maintenance. Chief Shaw stated that the Village has this opportunity to purchase a used fire truck in very good condition to replace its current Pumper Truck that is over 23 years old. He further stated that this existing fire truck was becoming unsafe to continue putting into service.

Mayor Walt Bennett replied that he had been previously contacted by a local company that was considering a donation to the WVFD for such needed equipment. However, the details of this available truck were only recently submitted to them for consideration. He stated that the funding for this truck would need to come from such a donation, as it was not included in the 2023-2024 Village Budget. He further stated that the Village could consider advancing the funds with Board approval to meet the time limitation to acquire this fire truck only if there was assurance from the donor that they would provide total funding of this fire truck that was both measurable and available, so the Village could properly record a donation revenue and receivable for any use of Village funds as part of this transaction.

Fire Protection Consultant, Mike Wilbur, stated that he had also performed research on this proposed fire truck and agreed that it was in very good condition. He further stated that in his opinion, Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus was a quality company to work with on such equipment. He also stated that the terms of the offer included no money down, but payment in full within 45 days was fair considering the current used fire truck market, given the ordering time for new fire trucks is two years or more.

Mayor Bennett then asked the trustees for comments. Trustee John Butlak stated that he wanted to provide the WVFD with safe equipment, but he also wanted to be sure that the donated funding presented was secure before any commitment to acquire this equipment was authorized. Mayor Bennett replied that it was then necessary to contact the donor for an update on possible funding for this unplanned opportunity to replace one of the old fire trucks. All trustees in attendance agreed. Mayor Bennett asked Village Administrator, Don Northrup to confirm with the representative at Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus that the Village had until Tuesday, 7/18, to respond. He then requested a motion to adjourn this meeting until early next week depending on the reply from Brindlee Mountain Fire.

**Motion** by Trustee Butlak, seconded by Trustee Bartran to adjourn meeting. All in attendance voted aye, carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:48pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Donald Northrup

Village Clerk