

# Village of Waterloo

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

7/18/2023

A Special Board Meeting was held on Tuesday, 7/18/2023, at 3pm in the Village office.

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

Call to Order: Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 3pm.

Mayor Bennett stated that he had not received confirmation from the proposed donor that the funding to purchase a used fire truck in the amount of \$495,000 had been approved to date, which was desired to meet the purchase agreement final execution date of 7/19/2023, from the seller. However, he indicated that approval was pending, just that no definite date for such approval was available. Mayor Bennett then asked each Board Member for comments. Trustee Suffredini stated that she was concerned that no formal approval from the proposed donor has been received. Trustee Trahms stated that his concern was that the current 1999 Pumper Fire Truck was becoming unsafe for service, and this used 2017 Pumper Fire Truck was an opportunity to replace the old one before it becomes unusable, probably in less than the two years it would take to build a new one, and at a much lower cost. Trustee Bartran stated that since the used truck was inspected by JPB Fire Service and Fire Consultant, Mike Wilbur, and found to be in very good condition, this was an opportunity that the Village must strongly consider in avoiding a possible interruption in providing such important public safety services due to fire apparatus failure.

Mayor Bennett summarized that the Village Board could wait for the donor's formal approval, but we all have learned that the market for used fire trucks has become very competitive due to the time it takes to build a new one. So, we could be passing on an opportunity to acquire a used truck for much less than a new one would cost, estimated to be between (\$900,000-\$1,000,000). Given these circumstances, he recommended that the Village Board consider a motion to acquire this used fire truck within the terms of the purchase agreement which now included no money down and 45 days to arrange financing.

**Motion** by Trustee Trahm, seconded by Trustee Bartran to authorize Mayor Bennett to execute the purchase agreement received from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$495,000 contingent upon the Village of Waterloo properly securing and approving the funding for the full acquisition cost within the 45-day provision of the purchase agreement. All in attendance voted aye, carried.

**Motion** by Trustee Bartran, seconded by Trustee Suffredini to adjourn the meeting. All in attendance voted aye, carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:21pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Donald D. Northrup  
Village clerk