

# **\*\*\*FINANCE MINUTES\*\*\***

May 3, 2022

## **SAUKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND VIA ZOOM 649 E. GREEN BAY AVE., SAUKVILLE, WI 53080**

Village President Barb Dickmann called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Village Dawn Wagner gave the Statement of Public Notice.

Members: Barb Dickmann-present, Scott Fischer-present, Richard Belling-present, Jim Nowlen-present, Trevor Seitz-present, Andy Hebein-present, and Peter Janus-present

Others Present: Dawn Wagner, Mary Kay Baumann, Julie Friede, Chief Rice, Chief Meyer, Lt. Kosmosky, Dan Helm, and Amy Cottrell

### **REFURBISHMENT OF 2006 AMBULANCE**

Chief Rice gave an overview of the need to refurbish the 2006 ambulance.

Rice reported that the Saukville Fire Department has two ambulances. Ambulance #352 is a 2006 ambulance with a Ford Chassis with 40,000 miles. Ambulance #351 is a 2010 Braun Industries with a Chevy chassis with 26,000 miles. The ambulances are both structurally sound. The ambulances were designed to be as identical as possible to improve operational effectiveness. Both ambulances are in fair condition. The newer ambulance is used as the first out and the older ambulance is second out.

He stated that the Village of Saukville planned to replace the 2006 ambulance in 2020 by borrowing \$224,000. This replacement was delayed largely due to the transition of Fire Chiefs. Chief Rice stated that when he arrived, he suggested Saukville consider a re-chassis verses a full ambulance replacement. This was discussed at Finance meetings in 2021. The Re-chassis will put a new chassis on the existing ambulance box while performing full rebuilding of needed finishes. In the end, it is estimated a re-chassis can save between 10% to 20% of the overall cost of a fully new ambulance.

Chief Rice noted that the current state of purchasing new chassis has been extremely difficult and constantly changing due to the current supply chain issues facing our Country. The Department currently prefers a Ford chassis by recommendation of the emergency equipment Mechanic in the Village of Grafton. The Ford is also by far the most common chassis in use in this area.

The current Braun Dealer for Wisconsin is Jerry's Transmissions Service DBA North Central Ambulance Sales and Service of Lester Prairie Minnesota.

Chief Rice stated that they have been in contact with Braun to discuss replacement of the 2006 ambulance for the last year. Recently, Braun has told the Department that if Saukville orders a Ford chassis now, they would expect a finished refurbishment between the end of 2022 and the middle of 2023.

They also point out the extreme difficulty getting new chassis but are hopeful of upcoming availability. They expect their entire allotment to go quickly and will therefore provide chassis on a "first come first served" policy.

Chief Rice received a purchase order quote from for a 2023 Ford F-350 158" Gas Chassis for a cost of \$40,700. By placing this order as soon as possible, we will increase our chances of an earlier finished product.

The purchase of the chassis should be considered the first part of this project. The second part will be the design and ordering of the actual box refurbishment which will be forthcoming.

Chief Rice is requesting the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-350 158" Gas 4x2 Chassis from Jerry's Transmission Service DBA North Central Ambulance Sales and Service for \$40,700.

**Hebein/Seitz made a motion** to recommend to the Village Board the purchase of the chassis of the 2006 ambulance with the proceeds from the 2019 Borrowing. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY EQUIPMENT - COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Chief Meyer stated that he worked with the DPW regarding barriers to be used at Veterans Park and well as parades and other community events.

Meyer stated that the request is for 20 - 9 ft barriers that would be placed on the north side of the park and along Mill St.

Meyer stated that these barriers are an appropriate size to impede vehicles trying to enter.

Helm stated that the barriers would be filled with water.

Seitz asked about the barriers being green. Helm stated that they felt this was a little more subtle than the bright orange. Helm noted that reflective tape will be added to the barriers if placed in the road.

Meyer stated that the barriers are \$180/each.

Wagner stated that the Village has two options for funding the barriers. We could use Fund Balance (noting that it is very strong) or the Contingency Fund.

Wagner stated that it is OK to use either. She did note that the Contingency Fund would be easier. Using the Fund Balance would require an adoption of a resolution and delay the purchase of the barriers.

Fischer asked if the event was getting too big and the Village might consider moving to Grady Park. He added that, why not use plow trucks at street openings. The kids might enjoy seeing the trucks out. Wagner stated that it would require man hours be used to staff the trucks.

Amy Cottrell asked if it would be possible to reach out to businesses to fund the barriers and have their name put on a barrier. Wagner stated that it is possible but there would need to be someone to spearhead the project. She also noted that many of the businesses are already sponsoring the event.

**Nowlen/Belling made a motion** to recommend to the Village Board approval of \$4,414 for Public Safety Equipment (barriers) for community events with funding from the Contingency Fund. Motion carried with Fischer and Janus voting nay.

**MOTION TO CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO §19.85 (1)(C) WIS. STATS., FOR PURPOSED OF CONSIDERING PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OVER WHICH THE COMMITTEE EXERCISES JURISDICTION AND RESPONSIBILITY AND FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSIDERING EMPLOYMENT OF A MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL**

**Belling/Hebein made a motion** to convene to convene to Closed Session pursuant to §19.85 (1)(c) Wis. Stats., for purposed of considering performance evaluation data of public employees over which the Committee exercises jurisdiction and responsibility and for the purposes of considering employment of a municipal official. Roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Motion carried at 6:38 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION RELATING TO CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS AND DELIBERATIONS, IF ANY**

**Nowlen/Belling made a motion** to reconvene to Open Session. Motion carried at 7:01 p.m.

**No action taken.**

**OTHER MATTERS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Seitz/Nowlen made a motion** to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:01 p.m.

Mary Kay Baumann  
Village Clerk