

**VILLAGE OF NORTH PRAIRIE
SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

November 1, 2018

Revisions made at November 8, 2018 Board meeting in italics

The meeting was called to order by President G. Nickerson at 6:32 p.m. in the Village Board Room. Roll call was taken with the following members present:

President G. Nickerson

Trustees: F. Rewasiewicz, J. H. Taylor, A. Pellegrino, D. Stellpflug, D. Jump and K. Singh.

Clerk: R. Bagley

Others Present: Fire Chief P. Buchholtz and several fire fighters.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Pomasl Fire Equipment, Inc. purchase agreement for Dodge Ram 5500 4x4 Chassis remount –

Trustee F. Rewasiewicz state that the original proposal was for a 2019 Dodge RAM 4500 4x4 chassis, however, the Company received a 2018 Dodge RAM 5500 4x4 chassis and has it in stock so the Village would receive the remounted ambulance sooner. This appears to be a better deal as the heavy-duty vehicle will only cost an additional \$839.00. The Village will have the use of a loaner ambulance while the vehicle is being remounted.

Motion by F. Rewasiewicz, seconded by J. H. Taylor, to approve the purchase agreement from Pomasl Fire Equipment, Inc. to refurbish a 2004 Medtec ambulance module and remount to a 2018 Dodge RAM 5500 4x4 chassis for the total price of \$160,333.00, as recommended by the Public Safety and Protective Services Committee.

Discussion: Trustee A. Pellegrino asked why the Dodge RAM 5500 would be a better vehicle and provide better service than the Dodge RAM 4500. It has a better frame, heavier box, can handle more weight and is a stronger truck. The complete remount is covered in this price, through delivery. *Trustee Pellegrino also inquired as to the call volume and the safety of the current ambulance. She advised due diligence and thorough inspections upon notice of deficiencies.*

Motion by J. H. Taylor, seconded by F. Rewasiewicz, to open the discussion to Fire Chief Buchholtz and Don Gray. Motion carried. Fire Chief P. Buchholtz and D. Gray mentioned that the current ambulance has broken down three times while on a call during the last 5 years. The majority of the calls are medical.

Roll Call Vote on Original Motion: Trustees F. Rewasiewicz, Aye; J. H. Taylor, Aye; A. Pellegrino, Aye; D. Stellpflug, Aye; D. Jump, Aye; K. Singh, Aye; and President G. Nickerson, Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pomasl Fire Equipment, Inc. purchase agreement for Dodge Ram 4500 4x4 Chassis remount –

Motion by J. H. Taylor, seconded by D. Stellpflug, to not act on the purchase agreement for the 2019 Dodge RAM 4500 4x4 chassis remount as the 2018 Dodge RAM 5500 4x4 chassis is the better deal, as recommended by Committee.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees F. Rewasiewicz, Aye; J. H. Taylor, Aye; A. Pellegrino, Aye; D. Stellpflug, Aye; D. Jump, Aye; K. Singh, Aye; and President G. Nickerson, Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pomasl Fire Equipment, Inc. purchase agreement for pre-owned Stryker Power-Load System and a Stryker Power-Load upgrade kit-

Trustee F. Rewasiewicz stated that the power-load system, as presented, will bring the Village into compliance with the Triple K rating which is a Federal standard. The total cost of the pre-owned Stryker Power-Load system and upgrade kit is **\$16,362.00**, which is mounted on the floor of the ambulance. The total cost of a NEW Stryker Power-Load system and upgrade kit is **\$26,107.00**.

Motion by F. Rewasiewicz, seconded by J. H. Taylor, to approve the purchase agreement from Pomasl Fire Equipment, Inc. for the pre-owned Stryker Power-Load system and the Stryker Power-Load

upgrade kit for the total cost of \$16,362.00, as recommended by the Public Safety and Protective Services Committee.

Discussion: Trustee A. Pellegrino inquired *about ambulance capacity and clarified patient and department staff safety* regarding the power cot lift-assist which the Village already has. The power-load system, as in this discussion, assists personnel with loading patients into the ambulance and is the only model that offers a positive locking system. She also asked about any grants that would be available, and/or donations from organizations or businesses, to assist with the cost of these upgrades.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees F. Rewasiewicz, Aye; J. H. Taylor, Aye; A. Pellegrino, Aye; D. Stellpflug, Aye; D. Jump, Aye; K. Singh, Aye; and President G. Nickerson, Aye. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Reliant Fire Apparatus, Inc. purchase agreement for 2018 Pierce Freightliner FXT Tanker 31640 Tender for \$246,187.00 with a 5-year warranty-

Trustee F. Rewasiewicz stated this is a stock unit for 2018 and is available.

Motion by F. Rewasiewicz, seconded by D. Stellpflug, to approve the purchase agreement from Reliant Fire Apparatus, Inc. for the purchase of a 2018 Pierce Freightliner FXT Tanker 31640 Tender for the total cost of \$246,187.00, with a 5-year warranty, as recommended by the Public Safety and Protective Services Committee.

D. Gray mentioned that the current 1990 tanker has mechanical issues and loses water each day for approximately the past ten years, especially after the tank was welded to repair it. He also mentioned that the Board suggested that the tanker should be replaced in 30 years, and it is now 30 years. The Village has around 10 parcels which need to be serviced with a tanker as they are not in the area with hydrants. The new standards require the water to be pumped off of the tanker. The tender is used to respond to MABAS calls, as well as calls in North Prairie. Trustee J. H. Taylor asked if there is a need for a pumper tender in the Village. It can be driven while pumping water at the same time and D. Gray clarified the specifications of the new proposed tender. Trustee A. Pellegrino inquired about the current functionality, repair costs of the current tanker, number of homes which require services of a tanker compared to the total number of homes in the Village, mutual aid and the value of the current tanker #3592.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees F. Rewasiewicz, Aye; J. H. Taylor, Aye; A. Pellegrino, Nay; D. Stellpflug, Aye; D. Jump, Aye; K. Singh, Aye; and President G. Nickerson, Aye. 6 Aye votes, 1 Nay vote, Motion carried.

Financing options, rates, length, terms of loan and principal amount- Trustee F. Rewasiewicz discussed several loan options, along with varying lengths and rates. Four different banks were contacted, along with the State Trust Fund Loan program which provided different rates and options. Citizen's Bank provided the best rates. The loan amounts are based on purchases of equipment in 2019 with loan payments beginning in 2020. Suggestions were made to create and maintain a Capital Budget in order to obtain a stable debt service each year. Everyone agreed that it will be beneficial to the Village for long-term planning. A. Pellegrino is suggesting that a portion of the General Fund be used to offset some of this debt by utilizing a combination of debt service and surplus.

Motion by J. H. Taylor, seconded by A. Pellegrino, to obtain a loan for \$272,882.00 from Citizen's Bank for a 5-year term for the Ambulance remount 2018 Dodge RAM 5500 with pre-owned Stryker power-load with upgrade kit, and 2018 Pierce Freightliner FXT Tanker 31640 Tender. The Village will apply \$100,000.00 to the cost of the equipment from the designated Equipment Fund, and use \$50,000.00 from the General Fund to offset the total cost of equipment. Also, the Fire Dept. will place ACT 102 equipment funds for the next five years, if available, towards the purchase of the equipment, and designate the sale proceeds of 3592 towards the loan payment, upon receipt of the proceeds.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees F. Rewasiewicz, Aye; J. H. Taylor, Aye; A. Pellegrino, Nay; D. Stellpflug, Aye; D. Jump, Aye; K. Singh, Nay; and President G. Nickerson, Aye. 5 Aye votes, 2 Nay votes, Motion carried.

Trustee A. Pellegrino stated for the record that she is opposed to the motion due to the purchasing of the Tender at this time. *She also reiterated the need for a well thought-out Capital Replacement Plan which needs to be put into place by the Finance & Fee Committee. She stated that she requested the additional costs on insurance on the vehicles and received them.*

Waiver of Compensation- Motion by J. H. Taylor, seconded by A. Pellegrino, to not waive compensation for all Board members for this special meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Trustees F. Rewasiewicz, Nay; J. H. Taylor, Aye; A. Pellegrino, Aye; D. Stellpflug, Nay; D. Jump, Nay; K. Singh, Aye; and President G. Nickerson, Nay. 3 Aye votes, 4 nay votes, Motion failed.

Waiver of Compensation- Motion by J. H. Taylor, seconded by F. Rewasiewicz, to waive compensation for all Board members for this special meeting. Roll Call Vote: Trustees F. Rewasiewicz, Aye; J. H. Taylor, Nay; A. Pellegrino, Nay; D. Stellpflug, Aye; D. Jump, Aye; K. Singh, Aye; and President G. Nickerson, Aye. 5 Aye votes, 2 nay votes, Motion carried.

Motion by A. Pellegrino, seconded by J. H. Taylor, to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhoda Bagley
Village Clerk/Treasurer