

**TOWN OF FRANCONIA
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2019 AT TOWN HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Foss, Steve Plant, Trevor Presby.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeff Blodgett, Peter Grote.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Monahan, Kim Cowles, Chief Mac Cashin, Chief Paul Schmucker.

Appointments: 3:00pm – Kim Cowles, Lafayette Recreation, 3:15pm – Chief Mac Cashin, Police Department, 3:30pm - Chief Paul Schmucker, Life Squad.

Kim Cowles, Lafayette Recreation

Ford E350 Van: The van has close to 90,000 miles on it. There has been \$3,600 of repairs to the van this year for rust on the rear panels. Kim feels that the rust issues will likely mean it will need to be replaced within a few years. The van belongs to the tri-towns so each town will contribute toward a replacement in their respective contribution percentages. The van use averages about 5,000 to 8,000 miles per year. Chairman Foss said the contribution would be increased to a minimum of \$4,000.

Chief Mac Cashin, Police Dept.

2015 Ford Explorer: This cruiser is scheduled to be replaced in 2020. Chief Cashin does not expect it will get much for trade in value; he may have to auction it instead. Regarding the model does feel the interior is lacking space and the motor lacks power when needed. After considering another Ford, he feels the best value would be a Chevy Tahoe, which would be approximately \$46,000, possibly a little less if he finds interchangeable interior components (ex. “the cage”) elsewhere. The \$46,000 includes having the cruiser outfitted.

The **2015 Dodge Charger** is on schedule for replacement in 2021. The Committee previously discussed pushing this replacement out a year as the miles are relatively low and staggering the vehicle replacements would be better than replacing both vehicles in consecutive years. Chief Cashin agreed that the Charger can be pushed out another year and he would recommend doing so as well.

Chief Paul Schmucker, Life Squad

2008 Life Squad Ambulance

The ambulance is scheduled for replacement in 2023. Chief Schmucker says a replacement is currently quoted at \$225,962. Chairman Foss said the scheduled cost of a new ambulance was \$180,000, so the \$225,962 is higher than what was being anticipated.

Chief Schmucker said the **Stryker Power Stretcher** replacement quote is \$50,084.95, the **Zoll Cardiac Monitor** is quoted at \$32,000, the **Motorola Mobile Radio** (to be replaced when ambulance is replaced) is \$5,798.75.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the revenue and expenses of the Life Squad. The Committee would like to know how much revenue is actually received from Comstar Billing, not just what is billed.

Trevor expressed concerns about whether the Life Squad should operate as a transport service or the town should partner with another town or contract a life squad service in the future. There is also concern of whether purchasing a new ambulance is a good idea with volunteerism on the decline. The Committee would like to get some of the Life Squad's financials before deciding how to proceed.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan