

TOWN OF FRANCONIA
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2020 AT THE SAFETY SERVICES BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Foss, Steve Plant, Trevor Presby

OTHERS PRESENT: Jenny Monahan, Fire Chief Rick Gaudette, Police Chief Mac Cashin

Prior to calling the meeting to order, the committee members visited the garage bay and looked at the fire department apparatus.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15pm.

Fire Department, Chief Rick Gaudette

Protective Gear and Breathing Apparatus: Rick estimates the breathing packs to be almost 20 years old but they are still annually certified and in good working order. He would like funding to continue for these items so he can replace all the units for the whole department at once when the current equipment is no longer certifiable.

2009 Rescue and Equipment Truck: Rick is considering trading this truck and the E2 towards a Rescue Pumper. The mileage is 7,720 and it is in good condition.

Attack Engine "E2": Rick said this truck is deteriorating rapidly and incurring high repair costs. He would like to replace this truck with a Rescue Pumper that would have the benefits of carrying more equipment and requiring fewer trucks to respond to calls. Chairman Foss said there will be \$509,000 in the fund going into 2021 which would be a little less than is estimated for a replacement truck even with a trade in of \$60,000 for the 2009 Rescue and Equipment Truck. This would deplete the fund. The committee would like Rick to seek a comprehensive estimate. He will do some additional research.

1996 Ladder Truck: The Ladder Truck currently needs some maintenance work to pass inspection but is in good shape. Rick estimates the useful life of the truck to be another 5-10 years.

2003 Kenworth Tanker "E1": Rick said the tanker is doing well and should last at least as long as originally projected. The funding is a little higher than Rick recommends so that may be reduced.

Rural Water Supply: This item is no longer receiving an annual appropriation but Rick requests that the existing funds stay intact. He said there are still some unresolved issues with getting easements from property owners and he would like to see the Highway Department to do work on pond maintenance during the summers. Trevor said that using some of the funds for legal counsel to work out the easements would be an acceptable use of the Rural Water Supply funds.

Police Department, Chief Mac Cashin –

2020 Chevrolet Tahoe: Chief Cashin said the cruiser cost \$32, 144 including the \$3,500 trade in and outfitting it was an additional \$10,581. He said much of the equipment from the former cruiser was swapped to the new cruiser which resulted in significant savings. He suggested that the current appropriation of \$6,000 per vehicle per year should be increased as with the vehicles on a 5 year rotation it would not be enough to purchase a new vehicle.

2015 Dodge Charger: The Charger is scheduled to be replaced in 2021 but Chief Cashin thinks it could go another year and be replaced in 2022.

The September 30th minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Monahan
Administrative Secretary