

MINUTES
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2020

Call to Order

Chairman, Supervisor Urban called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

Present: Chairman Andy Urban, Supervisor Larry Anderson, Supervisor DeAnn Schatz, Supervisor Skip Carlson, Supervisor Rich Floyd, Treasurer Mary Beth Monte, Keely Drange and Fire Chief Larry McCray.

Not in attendance was, Clerk Siverhus

This meeting is being recorded and is tele-conferenced.

Agenda Approval

Agenda regarding Engine 2 replacement was approved. Motioned by Sup Anderson and seconded by Sup Floyd.

Roll call approvals: Schatz, Anderson, Floyd, Carlson and Urban approved and motion carried.

New Business

This Special Meeting is pertaining to the replacement of Engine 2 only. Chairman Urban asked if everyone had an opportunity to read Don Lakner's email.

The Meeting started with Chief McCray on discussion of a need for a new Engine 2. He has supplied all Supervisors with answers to their various questions that were emailed to him prior to this meeting. Chief continued to explain that Engine 2 needs to comply with ISO (Insurance Service Office) standards. He proceeded to explain what these standards were.

Sup Anderson asked when we had last purchased our present truck; which was 30 years old. Chief McCray was not aware when the present Engine 2 was brought to Eagles Nest. Chief McCray explained the water capacity of Engine 2 versus the Engine 3 Tender. Chief McCray also explained the purpose of the Tender is to dump 1,500 gallons of water into a holding pool and then quickly refill. He also explained that we are using both Engine 2 and Engine 3 (Tender) for a "Rapid Response Attack" approach at the initial response to a fire. NFPA sets the basic standards required for such standards, e.g.. brakes, tire age limitation...

Sup Carlson asked if we have enough fire fighters for manpower. Chief McCray responded that NFPA standards have a minimum requirement for a typical house fire. Because we are using a "Box Alarm System" (area fire departments auto respond) puts us in the required minimum manpower. Sup Carlson asked if we still adhere to Safety First, Property Second standards. Chief McCray reiterated that yes we are Life and Scene Safety First, Property Second. Chief McCray explained that we need 4 firefighters available with SCBA and units needed along with extra bottles. Our present Engine 2 carry these SCBA's. Engine 1 (our Dodge Brush truck can hold only 1 SCBA).

Sup Carlson asked if there are grants available to help with the cost of an Engine. Chief McCray responded that he has called numerous area fire departments and has researched any available grants and there are not any at this time.

Sup Schatz stated how much are we going to get back? If we buy used, we take on those old issues.

Sup Carlson questioned the equipment needed for a new Engine. Chief McCray explained that all present equipment that is on our present Engine 2 will be transferred to a new Engine. No additional equipment will be purchased with this Engine.

Sup Urban asked about mutual aid that we receive and are we able to recipitate.

Chief McCray also noted that we have two trucks which are single seat vehicles with one SCBA on board. The new Engine can respond to calls with 4 fire fighters on board along with 4 SCBA's in the cab. Chief McCray also noted that we can respond to mutual aid requests with one engine and 4 available personnel on board. Sup Schatz noted that we are a member of the Laurentian Group and since we are receiving aid, we need to be able to assist others when requested.

Sup Anderson asked if the purchase of this new Engine would cause residential property taxes to increase. Sup Urban noted that it depends on our down payment and payout. We also have two older vehicles that would need replacing sometime in the future. Our Brush truck is a 1993 model and is showing wear. The pump will have to be rebuilt within the next 5-10 years. Our Tender has been paid off and has a longer life left.

Sup Floyd asked if we don't get a new vehicle, what would we do? Chief McCray responded that for \$300,000 it gives us a cost of approximately \$15,000 per year in cost based on twenty year expected life of the vehicle. Other vehicles, the cost of purchasing versus the remaining years were higher cost due to their age.

It was noted by some residents that we need to move forward with this purchase for the safety of our residents and Township.

Sup Urban noted that with the upcoming Motion, he would be abstaining due to the fact that he will be resigning from the Board as of 6/30/2020.

Motion by Schatz that we go forward with the purchase order presented for a new fire truck and to sign the purchase and get a loaner and proceed to work out the financing. Sup Anderson 2nd.

Sup Floyd ask that Chief McCray and Treasurer research our down payment and financing terms. Sup Schatz offered to assist in this and noted that the interest rates are low now and this would be a good time to do this purchase.

Once the Purchase Order from Rosenbauer is received a Board Member will need to sign off.

Voting Motion from Sup Schatz. Sup Anderson 2nd.

Voting:	Sup Schatz	Yes
	Sup Anderson	Yes
	Sup Floyd	Yes
	Sup Carlson	Yes
	Sup Urban	Abstained

Motion to Adjourn at 8:30 p.m by Sup Anderson. Seconded by Sup Floyd.

Roll Call Vote:	Sup Schatz	Yes
	Sup Anderson	Yes
	Sup Floyd	Yes
	Sup Carlson	Yes
	Sup Urban	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Monte, Treasurer