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Memo

To: Paul Micali, Town Manager
From: Chief DiFronzo
CC:
Re: Ambulance Purchase
Date: April 13, 2023

Mr. Micali,

In reviewing the Capital Replacement Information for ambulance replacement the Town/Department was due to purchase an ambulance in 2021/2022 and the next purchase in 2023/2024.

We placed an order for an ambulance in April/May of 2022. That truck is not due to arrive until April of 2024. During our discussions with the ambulance dealership, estimated build and receive times are at least 2 years or more away once the order has been placed. When we placed our order last year, the wait times became extremely long extending them out to 2 years or more. If we place our order now, we will still be behind meeting the intended plan of ambulance replacement as the truck would not arrive until sometime in 2025.

The current ambulances range in age from 2015 to 2017. Mileages are from about 85,000 to 105,000.

So that the Town/Department tries to meet the goals of the Capital Improvement Program, I am requesting the withdrawal of \$385,182.00 from the Ambulance Capital Account to purchase, equip and outfit an ambulance. According to the Finance Director, there would be enough in the account to cover the request.

If the Council approves of this request, there would be no payments required until delivery of the ambulance. By placing our order now, ensures us a spot in manufacture schedule.

If there are any questions, please feel free to let me know.

Sincerely,

Mark W. DiFronzo
Fire Chief

Hi Paul,

The costs for new apparatus are as follows

Fire Truck = \$875,000.00

Ambulance = \$385,182.00

Attached is the quote for the Fire Truck order from Pierce. The cost of the truck is \$816,607.00. The remaining \$58,393.00 is to purchase hose, equipment, and radios for the truck. The current Engine 3 has been pretty much stripped of equipment for the other trucks. It also never had any radios purchased/installed. I am hoping that the \$58,393.00 will be enough to get us to (5) engines complete and in service.

I do not have documents from Professional Vehicles for the AEV Ambulance like we got from Allegiance/Pierce. The cost of the ambulance is \$279,285.00. The remaining \$105,897.00 is to purchase the Power Load stretcher system as well as the powered stretcher. (to replace them from a truck that will be around 10 years old) As well as other equipment that needs to be replaced.

Wasn't sure if you wanted this written up in "memo" form or not.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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