

**YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Special Meeting**

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

10:00 AM

**Yankee Springs Township Hall
284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, Michigan 49333**

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YS Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
November 22, 2022

Meeting called to order at 10:01 AM by Clerk Mike Cunningham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Roll Call: Mike Cunningham, Larry Knowles, Dave VanHouten, Deb Mousseau

Absent without Notice: Rob Heethuis

Staff: Alice Jansma, Frank Fiala, Dan Miller, Jim Stoddard, Sandy Marcukaitis

Visitors: 10

ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:

Motion by Knowles with support from VanHouten to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote:
Cunningham: yes; Mousseau: yes; Knowles: yes; VanHouten: yes.

Yes: 4, No: 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Limit 3 minutes)

None

New Fire Truck presentation by the Fire Department - Fire/EMS Committee and Spencer Manufacturing.

- Board members went outside where the fire department gave an overview of the differences between the current vehicle and the proposed new truck.
- Questions were asked by board members and answered by Firefighter Dan Miller and Grant Spencer of Spencer Fire Trucks in South Haven.
- The proposed truck will be in compliance with current standards and should be good for at least the next twenty years with proper maintenance.
- Ballpark figure for the value of the current truck is \$40,000 to \$80,000. The plan is to sell it after delivery if the new vehicle is approved. It would be possible to use it as a trade-in with Spencer but that would be decided upon at a later time.
- The cost of the truck is \$754,954 from Spencer which was the recommendation by the Fire Committee.
- Payment options were reviewed.
 - If the prepayment issue is chosen, a performance bond would need to be

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ROLL CALL

**MOTION TO APPROVE
AGENDA**

PUBLIC COMMENT

**PRESENTATION ON
PROPOSED NEW FIRE
TRUCK**

- o purchased.
- o Spencer proposed a \$20,000 contingency fund to allow for changes as the truck is being built. Any amount not used would be refunded at the end of the build process.
- o The board discussed that the prepayment does not seem to be the best option as it doesn't save that much money and costs the township in interest earnings.

Motion by Cunningham with support from VanHouten to purchase a new Custom Rescue Pumper as quoted and specified by Spencer Manufacturing Inc. for a total price of up to \$754,954 with delivery within 550 days after pre-construction change order approval. Roll Call Vote: VanHouten: yes; Knowles: yes; Cunningham: yes; Mousseau: yes.

MOTION TO PURCHASE NEW CUSTOM RESCUE PUMPER

Yes: 4 No: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Cunningham with support from VanHouten to make a total of up to \$754,954 in payments for the new Pumper using funds from the Fire Equipment Purchase Fund, ARPA Funds, and the 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 fiscal year General Fund Budgets with no financing required. Discussion: The main point here is that there is no financing here. The funds from 2023/2024 may not be needed. If the old truck is sold that would help cover the cost of modifications. **Roll Call Vote: Mousseau: yes; Knowles: yes; VanHouten: yes; Cunningham: yes.**

MOTION REGARDING FUNDS USED TO MAKE PAYMENTS

Yes: 4 No: 0 MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Cunningham with support from Mousseau to approve up to \$45,000 in additional accessory equipment and modifications to the new pumper required for it to be fully operational. All of the additional \$45,000 in additions to be individually approved by the YST Board of Trustees. Discussion: This doesn't mean that all of that amount will be spent. It means that the Board is willing to go up to that amount but will still require approval. Spencer does not believe that this would cause any delay in production. Any change order with Spencer will be at the cost of the equipment; they do not charge a change order fee. Equipment does not have to be purchased through Spencer. **Roll Call Vote: Cunningham: yes; VanHouten: yes; Mousseau: yes; Knowles: no.**

MOTION TO APPROVE UP TO \$45,000 FOR ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT & MODIFICATIONS

Yes: 3 No: 1 MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alice Jansma: Asked if the board had considered the 2% discount if they made the down payment and the Board said they had decided against it due to the cost of the bond and the potential loss of interest.

Ron Vandenberg: Mentioned that there had been a lot of talk about maneuverability of the new truck, and they can do a demonstration with the Martin truck.

Dan Miller: Rides available if anyone wants one at the conclusion of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Mousseau: Thanked Martin Township and Ron for bringing their vehicle here and everyone's

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work in putting this all together.

VanHouten: Fire committee worked hard and did a good job specking it out. Appreciate all the effort. Mike did a good job on all the pictures, research, and appreciate it.

Knowles: None.

Mike: Thanked the Fire Committee and Ron for all the work that went into specifying the truck. There was a lot of work that went into this, more than what most people see (over 100 pages of specs). We have been saving for this for a long time and now we can start saving whatever is next.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mousseau with support from VanHouten to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 AM.

Approved by all. Motion Carried.

Approved by:  Date: 12/19/2022
Michael S. Cunningham, Township Clerk

Respectfully submitted by:
Betsy Frigmanski, Recording Secretary
December 1, 2022

ADJOURNMENT