

2014-04-08 BOFC Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

Board of Fire Commission Minutes Tuesday April 8, 2014 1930 hrs. Mortlake Fire Dept.

1. Call to Order - Peter Considine called the meeting to order at 19:31.

Roll Call of Board Members - Peter Considine, Patrick Gauthier, James Soler, Stephen Breen, Jeff Otto, Felix Ramos, Rick Ives, Jim Warren and William Skene.

2. Review of the minutes from March 18th, 2014 -

Motion by Jeff Otto to accept the March 18, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes with the following corrections: 2. *Review of the minutes from Feb. 6th 2014* - Motion by Jeff Otto to accept the February 6, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes with the following corrections: (the corrections should have been) Page 2; 7.) second paragraph. *Mr. Otto also stated that if there are any requests, he would like **the Board of Fire Commissioners** to present them to the Capital Finance Committee.* Motion second by Rick Ives. Motion carried Unanimously.

3. Public Comments - None.

4. Presentation of Mortlake Fire Dept. on the replacement of Truck 490

Stephen Breen gave a power point presentation to the Board of Fire Commissioners regarding the replacement of Rescue 490. (See attached)

Mr. Breen reviewed the history of Rescue 490, its purpose, tools onboard, medical equipment onboard, firefighting equipment onboard, and response protocol of this unit.

The proposed Rescue 490 was reviewed next. In order to keep in line with changing needs of the fire service, the search Committee felt the following would be needed on this vehicle: better LED lighting; 25KW generator, 300lb speedy dri-hopper, 16' electric awning; and additional storage space among other things. The proposed vehicle will have a six man cab with SCBA mounted in all but the driver's seat which will take the storage of SCBA out of the compartment space of the truck and put it in the cab. This truck design comes with a tank and pump.

Comparison of commercial cab vs. custom cab was reviewed with the Commission. Commercial cabs only seats five and is not designed to accommodate radios, tools, portable radios etc. Custom cabs seats six with provisions for radios, hand tools and emergency equipment etc.

Custom cabs are tested at a higher standard when it comes to safety. Commercial cabs are crash tested to US DOT standard which is less stringent. Custom cabs are crash tested to NFPA standard which is more stringent.

After the last BOFC meeting the Committee met to discuss the concerns of the Fire Commissioners which were costs, size of GVWR, Engine size and water pump. After further research and discussions the following changes were made: GVWR was reduced from 47K to 35K; Engine HP was reduced from 475 to 370; cab was changed from Gladiator to Metro-Star; water tank and pump to be left on the truck; price reduced from \$675K to \$603K (which does not include \$20K

custom tool mounting option).

The Committee believes that the custom cab is the best unit for Mortlake Fire Department and the services they provide the Town of Brooklyn.

Next Mr. Breen discussed the option of a Demo Unit from the dealer, Rescue 1, which will be made available in September of this year.

The R-264 18'-9" Walk-Around Rescue will not have a tank and pump on it. It has plenty of storage space and many of the similar features they are looking for on this unit. They would like to add an extinguishing system to this unit. Cost for this vehicle is \$446,673 and does not include the \$20K tool mounting option. A \$5k deposit will be required to hold the vehicle.

The Committee felt this unit would fit the Town and Mortlake Fire Department's needs. The officers and directors of Mortlake recommend the purchase of this vehicle and feel it will fit their needs for the next 20 to 25 years.

Rick Ives asked about the cost of the fire extinguishing system. Mr. Been felt it would not cost more than \$50K. Further discussion was heard regarding this issue and it was felt that this may be something that could be done in the future.

Jeff Otto stated that he does not feel there is a need for a six man cab. He feels the Committee did address the issues that were asked of them from the last BOFC meeting. He agrees there is a need for safety and the custom truck does meet the NFPA requirements regarding this issue.

Mr. Otto made the motion that the Board of Fire Commissioners approve a capital expenditure of \$466,000. for this vehicle. This is the \$446,000 that is needed for the R-264 Demonstrator plus the \$20,000 charge for the custom tool mounting. Expenditures that are needed

down the road to add an extinguishing system etc. can be dealt with at a future date. If there are incidentals that exceed this amount of money right up front, there may be a way to deal with them. This motion is made as a compromise to move this forward as there is a need for a replacement truck. However this is not the truck that Mr. Otto would have designed as the replacement truck but there is a committee of fire department members who feel this is the truck they need. Second by Jim Soler.

Discussion:

Rick Ives stated that the only issue he has with this purchase is the six man cab. He does not feel it is needed for the Town of Brooklyn. Stephen Breen discussed a DOT ruling in 2009 regarding personal vehicle access in response to an incident and how this may alleviate personal vehicle response and also allows extra storage space in the vehicle. Further discussion was heard.

Patrick Gauthier asked Mr. Breen if they would be comfortable with this demo truck. Mr. Breen stated yes.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Unfinished Business - None.

6. Motion to have the next meeting on a date to be determined at East Brooklyn Fire Dept.

Next meeting scheduled for May 6, 2013 at 7:30 at East Brooklyn Fire Department.

7. Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Rick Ives to adjourn at 20:08. Motion second by Jeff Otto. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen M. Desrosier

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FILED IN THE BROOKLYN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE.