

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
Litchfield Board of Fire Commissioners & EMS
October 27, 2022 – 5:00 PM
Litchfield Fire Department
258 West St ▪ Litchfield CT

Members Present: John Campbell, Michael Castelli, Sean Fogarty, Jack Hodges, Jon Tarrant.

Members Absent: None

1. Call Meeting to Order

J. Campbell opened the meeting at 5:00 pm. LFD currently does not have a fire commissioner. Chief Rogers is representing LFD.

2. Review Capital Requests

1. D. Rogers stated expected cost to pave LFD parking lot is \$285,000. Naomi got estimate from S & S. This was scheduled for last year but was cut.

2. Bantam needs replacement of clamp on/leaking fittings and painting of insulation covers. New press on fittings are expected to last 25-30 years. Request is for \$242,250.00.

3. Northfield's 1995 Spartan Gladiator received a stage 1 in 2005. Truck went to 276 calls last year. Parts are increasingly difficult to get. Truck has no modern safety features, air bags or roll over protection. Suspension has reached maximum GDW. Twenty-seven year old body is starting to rust. Truck is starting to experience vacuum leaks. Two independent apparatus builders were consulted on refurbishment. Estimated cost is approximately \$500,000.00 for maybe ten additional years of service and does not include any upgrades to transmission or engine. Vehicle cannot be retrofitted with roll over protection or air bags. Refurb would take significant period of time. It is the recommendation of NVFD to move forward with the replacement as scheduled. Existing design of the truck will be replicated with similar dimensions and water capacity. Cab seating will be reduced by one to allow for more interior room and addition of 200 foot booster reel used for smaller fires. Custom chaise allows for better turning radius for wheel base, includes roll over protection, air bags and additional safety features. New truck is \$850,000.00 and is good for 30 years. Refurb of 1995 Spartan is \$500,000.00 but after ten years, it's now a 37 year old truck. If pushed out two years, Spartan will need costly pump repairs and new truck will have 10-20% upcharge. Spartan received significant repairs 18 months ago and now costs approximately \$6,000.00 a year to maintain.

3. Adjournment

J. Hodges moved to adjourn at 5:15 pm, M. Castelli seconded and vote was unanimous.



John Campbell, Chairman
Board of Fire Commissioners & EMS

11-18-2022
Date