

**MINUTES
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
LOCATION: REMOTE (ZOOM)
February 9, 2021**

A **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Board of Finance was held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. In response to the Governor's Executive Orders regarding COVID-19, Board members and the public were able to attend the meeting remotely using the ZOOM online meeting platform. The meeting was attended by Mayor Elinor Carbone, City Comptroller Alice Proulx, Fire Chief Peter Towey and Board of Finance Members Christopher Beyus, Christopher Anderson, Mark Bushka and James Wright. Board of Finance members Laurene Pesce and Lance Boynton were absent.

Mayor Carbone called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

VEHICLE REPLACEMENT: FIRE APPARATUS

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bushka, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Fire Chief and the Vehicle Replacement Advisory Board and approve the purchase of the 2019 E-One HP78 Demonstration Quint Apparatus, with required modifications and equipment, from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles in Attleboro Falls, MA for the total cost of \$868,824.47, to be funded through the vehicle replacement account.

Chief Towey provided a brief background and summary of his request to purchase the demo apparatus, including changes to the vehicle replacement schedule, financial savings and warranty information. Mr. Bushka requested clarification regarding how the purchase would impact the TFD's existing fleet and Chief Towey explained that the new unit would replace the TFD's oldest apparatus and the oldest front-line apparatus would be moved into the reserve fleet. Mr. Bushka also questioned what the projected lifespan was for the apparatus and whether sufficient funds were available in the vehicle replacement account. Comptroller Proulx confirmed that the purchase would leave approximately \$400,000 in the account and Chief Towey reported that the projected lifespan was 20 years. Mr. Beyus requested clarification as to when the fire apparatus was scheduled to be replaced and Mayor Carbone explained that the vehicle replacement was budgeted for the 2021/2022 fiscal year at a higher projected cost. Mr. Bushka asked if the City Council previously approved Chief Towey's request and Mayor Carbone confirmed that the purchase was previously approved by the City Council, the Board of Public Safety and the Vehicle Replacement Advisory Board. Mr. Beyus thanked the Chief for identifying financial savings and bringing his request to the Board for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bushka, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:23 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Draper, Asst. City Clerk*

ATTEST:

Carol L. Anderson
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CITY CLERK