

February 22, 2012 **Special Meeting-Tanker Truck**

TOWN OF LINCOLN
10905 Falcon Rd
Special Fire Tanker Truck Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2012 8:02 P.M.

Board Members Present: Dick Thomer, Dave Rogers, Tom Finta, Josh Mauritz, Robert Cassaday, Carol Szymanski-Treasurer, and Kathy Lindgren-Clerk

Fire Department members present-17

Other public members present-4

The meeting was called to order by Dick Thomer, Town Chairman at 8:02 p.m.

Tom Suchomel, Fire Chief, presented the need for tanker truck upgrade from a manual to automatic. Ken Bell was in the Deforest area and stopped in to a truck shop and saw a truck that he thought would be suitable for the Town. Four members of the Fire Department drove down there and drove the truck and checked it out and found it to be in mechanically good shape. The truck is a 2000 Freightliner with approximately 200,000 miles with a Cummings engine and an Allison transmission and came from the south. The price is \$38,900 and \$73 for title transfer. The Fire Department has \$37,000 in the fundraiser account plus interest from the month. The Fire Department was looking at taking out \$2,000 from the 2011 Fire Department Equipment budget fund to purchase the truck.

Larry Gleichsner reported that in 2007 when the fire truck was purchased, the \$10,000 payments made in 2007 and 2008 came from the fundraising money. The old fire engine was sold for \$12,075.50 and was put toward the loan. The town saved \$13,904 of interest by paying off the truck before 2014. The money to fund the purchase of the tanker truck is coming from the fundraiser, not from the tax payers. The Fire Department is asking for \$2,000 from the 2011 budget. It was noted that the current truck is a 1985 Mack 5-speed with approximately 500,000 miles and is very difficult to drive. For safety reasons it is felt that there is a need to go to an automatic transmission. There are only a few members on the Fire Department that can drive the current truck.

Comment by citizen that there are other costs involved with the truck such as mounting the current tank onto the new truck, painting and required lightbars.

An estimate was received for removing the water tank from the current truck and mounting it on the new truck was \$1,660. A paint estimate was received for \$4,000 - \$5,000 from Stainless & Repair but another option is being explored that will probably be less as it is a private person who lives in the township. It is thought that the old truck may be worth approximately \$5,000, which would cover the costs of painting and mounting the tank.

There is a balance of \$5,437.51 in the 2011 Maintenance & Replacement Fire Equipment budget fund.

Motion by Bob Cassaday to grant Fire Department request for \$2,000 from 2011 budget account for purchase of tanker truck. Motion amended to \$5,000; second by Dave Rogers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by Bob Cassaday at 8:28 p.m.; second by Josh Mauritz. All ayes. Motion carried.

Posted on February 28, 2012
by Kathleen M Lindgren, Town Clerk