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Town of Ludlow, Massachusetts
Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Minutes of the March 7, 2019 Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Meeting began at 10:14 a.m. and adjourned at 12:40 p.m. Members present Ellie Villano, Kim Downing, Derek DeBarge and Dolly Cincone and Kim Collins.

The committee met with Ryan Linton, Golf Course Superintendent to discuss the request for a Toro green mower.

Current equipment is aging. The mower is a 2009 and the T-mower was purchased in the 1990's. The plan is to replace the 2009 current mower (#1) with a new mower and downgrade the 2009 to the status of #2 mower.

The two T-mowers would then be a back-up being merged together and used as spare parts. They are looking to purchase it through the retained earnings under a three-year lease.

The committee met with Chief Paul Madera and Lt. Michael Brennan, Police Department. They are requesting the purchase of an unmarked car to be used by the detective bureau. It would be replacing the current detective car which is over 10 years old and would require \$10,000 worth of repairs to bring it back to full working condition.

They would be looking to get back on a schedule to the unmarked vehicles. This vehicle is considered to be in worse shape than the last cruiser that was given to the town. This new vehicle would be replacing the black unmarked 2010 dodge. It has been used by the narcotics division and is not necessarily pursuit ready.

The cost would cover the purchase of the vehicle and the required accessories. The accessories would be installed in-house for cost savings and ensure proper installation.

The committee met with Jodi Zepke, Senior Center Director/Council on Aging.

They are requesting the replacement of the wheelchair lift van which is in major disrepair. It has 150,000 miles on it, would cost \$10,000 to repair the engine alone. It has some electric issues which 2 dealers have not been able to diagnose. The lift drifts to the left which prevents the lift from opening. It has hydraulic issues. Needs replacement and if it was repaired or retrofitted, there is a liability issue.

This request for a van would be placed as a separate article in the Special within the Annual in order to expediate the purchase.

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The committee met with Chief Ryan Pease, Fire Department to discuss his request for a new ambulance and a new fire engine.

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The ambulances used to be on a four-year replacement plan and he would be looking to change that to a three-year plan. This would require the last lease payment of the most current ambulance and the approval through a lease of the next ambulance at approx. \$70,000 per year for the next ambulance.

The 2008 ambulance has over 180,000 miles, 2012 over 150,000 miles and the 2016 is already at 72,000 miles. Ambulance responses have increased by over 1,000 runs.

He would be looking to purchase the ambulance through the ambulance subscription fund has approximately \$189,877 in the fund. It generates about 85,000 to 88,000 in revenue each year. Again, he would like to start the turn over a year earlier due to the usage of the vehicles.

The fire engine that he would like to have replaced is the 1992 engine which over 27 years old. It would take approx. \$12,000 to replace the steel pipes and another \$8,000 for the entire suspension. Lights replacement are not longer available and not being made. Some of the parts are obsolete. It has a single axle. Estimated cost would be \$610,000. The chief spoke about a new compressor component that is being added to engines which could add an additional \$35,000 to the purchase price but this new system allows for foam with water to combat fires which significant cuts down on the water usage. As the most developed section of the town is an area where there is no water supply, this type of system would be very useful.

The chief was tasked with investigating by speaking with fire departments that use this system to see its value. He will report back to the committee at their next meeting.

The committee meet with Ken Batista, Interim Director, DPW.

First item is requesting approval of the last payment of the three-year lease for the purchase of the sander/salter/ The second item would be for the purchase of a \$223,000 dump truck (sander/salter). This vehicle was totaled by the insurance company which provided \$125,909.99 is insurance replacement money. This money could be used towards the purchase of this vehicle. Fourth item is the purchase of a Toro grounds master mower. The current mower is a 2003 This mower would be used for the athletic fields maintenance. Its blades have a longer depth. There is no back-up mower currently. The 2003 could be used as a back-up.

Final request is for the replacement/upgrade of the current generator housed at the DPW. It provides power for the gas pumps, lights but can't run the compressor or welders. It currently generates enough power to operate 60\$ of the garage. In the event of a major emergency, it would need to be able to power the entire building and admin office. The DPW is experiencing difficulty in finding parts for the current generator. Cost doesn't include the pad/bollards which can be done in-house.

Moved by E. Villano, second by D. Cincone to accept the minutes of September 24, 2018.
Vote 4 – 0 favor, 1 abstain

Moved by E. Villano, second by D. Cincone to accept the minutes of February 26, 2019.
Vote: 4 – 0 favor

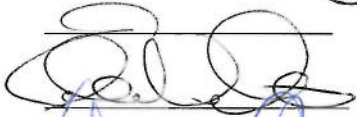
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Moved by E. Villano, second by D. Cincone to adjourn at 12:40 p.m.
Vote: 4 – 0 favor

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The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.



Darlene Cincone

