

THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
WORKING MEETING FOR THE FY20 BUDGET
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021 AT 3:00 PM IN THE FIRE STATION.

Present: Jim Driscoll, Cam Cachat, Cheryl Cachat, Mike Kubicki, Superintendent Benlien, Fire Chief Cahalan

Jim called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

1. Superintendent Benlien proposed the following items for capital purchases in FY22
 - Replace the current two pickups (2011 & 2013)
 - Chevrolet 1500 Silverado work packages
 - One to have a fuel cell for transport, \$37,648
 - One to have tool box \$35,148
 - Replacement due to age, rust, impending repairs
 - Will trade in current vehicles
 - Will price out options to see if more affordable option is to have done locally to save money
 - Small discount if purchasing two
 - Will then be in position for vehicle rotation replacements
 - Replacement of roof at stockhouse
 - Was planned in FY20 but cost of filter bed roof replacement was higher than expected, no funds left for stockhouse
 - Has one estimate for a Klaus roofing system at \$30,000
 - Asked the Commissioners to look at the step scale for improvements to salaries
 - Proposed \$1.00 per hour increase for two current employees
 - Talked about time spent training, comparative rates in construction
 - Cost to replace if they leave for different position
2. Fire Chief Cahalan proposed the following items for capital purchases in FY22 (report attached)
 - Repair and blacktop of front apron at fire station
 - Has one quote, not binding due to blacktop costs not being set
 - Will need to update and get other quotes in April
 - Engine 51
 - Pump repair, tires, and misc. repairs
 - Thinks projected costs are estimated on the high side
 - Replace 1500ft of hose at a projected cost of \$4,800
 - Approximately 1/3 of hose in station
 - Then start on a 5 year replacement plan
3. Commissioner review of projects as presented
 - Water
 - Approved purchase of 2 trucks
 - Approved roof replacement at stockhouse
 1. Maintain existing buildings
 2. Need quotes for asphalt and metal roofs for comparison
 - Fire
 - Approve hose replacement
 1. For next 2 years replace another 1/3 of hose

2. Then start replacement plan
 - o Approve front apron replacement
 1. Necessary repair
 2. Want solid quote prior to budget approval
 - o Approve Engine 51 repairs
 1. When voted to keep engine anticipated repairs
 2. Only truck non computerized in station
4. Commissioners asked for a \$10,000 bonus to be included in budget for the current treasurer/clerk
 - When hired planned increases to raise salary based on knowledge, experience, work performance were never done

Jim made a motion to adjourn at 4:14, Cam seconded, passed unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Cachat
Treasurer/Clerk

2021-22 CAPITAL PROJECTS

HOSE UPDATE:

1500 FT of 1 ¾" attack hose. Overall projected price:\$4800. Book Price. For 30 50' rolls.

Supporting data: We have 3 pumpers and 1 reserve pumper. We have one quint. Each one of these vehicles carries at minimum 600' of attack hose in different length denominations. Roughly 3500ft of attack hose is committed to vehicles. Any remaining hose replaces out used hose after a fire and is rotated out. Yearly hose testing normally takes 200' (4 lengths out of service). With the age of the hose that number will grow. LDH (Large Diameter Hose) and 2 ½ " hose was replaced in a 2013 AFG Grant. During that period around 6 lengths (300ft) of 1 ¾" hose was also purchased. Over ½ of the current inventory is over 12 years old and will fail in the upcoming years. For this reason I am requesting the funds to replace 1500ft which should set up the department for another 10years. Based on the life of the hose I feel it prudent not to replace everything at once. I figure 1/3 of the hose being replaced every ~~10~~ ⁵ years would keep a decent amount in service with the bad being replaced.

ENGINE 51 SAFETY UPGRADE

Up to \$25,000 to upgrade Engine 51, 1989 Pierce Pumper to workable safety standards. Upgrades would include the following:

- Up to \$15000 for pump upgrade.
- \$4120. to replace all tires
- The remaining amount to service the Brakes, Brake cans and air lines and replace light bar.

Supporting data: This vehicle was to be replaced by the new Pumper/Rescue. It was decided at a District meeting to keep the vehicle as a **reserve** piece. Insurance is still being paid on the piece and it is restricted to minimal use in town, as the tires are on their last leg and a consistent air leak has plagued the operation of the vehicle. The last pump test was in 2017, the vehicle barely passed and was suggested that no further pump tests be done because it possibly would not pass the NFPA guidelines without an update. Over the last two years the air leak problem was addressed and has not been able to be fixed.

Due in part to maintenance needs of the Ladder Truck and the consistent problems with Engine 3 (2013 KME) funds that were going to be used to upgrade E51 have been depleted

- Over \$6000 was spent on a fuel rail problem for engine 3 a few months ago. The engine shut down 2 weeks ago while pumping at a Mill fire and was taken immediately out of service for safety reasons. This vehicle is currently at the shop to find and alleviate the problem.
- Earlier in the year the ladder truck was to be taken out of service and have the non compliant issues with the certification inspection taken care of. This expense was looking like over \$8000. I made the call to break it up into sections as parts

are difficult to locate making it difficult to fix in a timely matter. The engine 3 problem occurred putting the truck repairs on the back burner.

Due to these reasons, I feel that the reserve piece needs a lump sum in a capital funds project form to address the safety issues and make it road worthy and acceptable to the insurance company for coverage. With the basic budget it will more than likely never happen due to unforeseen circumstances.

**NOTE: This engine will never be fully NFPA compliant due to the age of over 25 years. It does not meet the current standard of warning signals, (Open doors, seatbelts, etc.). The insurance company has stated, "So long as the vehicle is road worthy and safe" it will be covered.*

Tires: Tires at first look are well. During inspection it was noticed they are aged and dry rotted. Last year, Engine 2 blew a tire while going on a call. At that time, all tires were inspected. Eng 2 and Eng 51 were found to have the dry rotted tires. Eng 2 had the tires replaced as did Truck 1 that was also found to have deficiencies. The current tires are no longer made with tubes. Wheels/Tires are needed. (Quote attached)

Keeping in mind the current vehicles in service and the current number of volunteers, is this a necessity? Or send the 33 Y/O pumper on its way?

FRONT APRON

Asking for ****SEE CURRENT QUOTE**** to take out and install new asphalt apron to replace the current deteriorating ramp.

Supporting data: The current ramp has deteriorated beyond the capability to support the heavy apparatus that we have. Last year a scope of work included a concrete pad that proved to be cost prohibiting.

Current scope:

1. Excavate and dispose of existing blacktop 97' x 31'.
2. Replace and grade 18" of 1 ½' of dense graded in driveway and compact.
3. Install 3" of base blacktop and 2" Finish
4. Labor



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To: DALTON FIRE DISTRICT
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 DALTON, MA 01226
 (413) 684-6118

Year/Make/Model:
 License:
 Mileage:
 Sales/Tech: PITTSFIELD-HOUSE

Description	Item	Qty	Type	Price	FET
Tires					
Better					
31580R22.5/20 SUMITOMO ST528 A/P	5532063	2		500.00	0.00
Good					
11R22.5/16 SUMO ST909 OS DRIVE	5533052	4		390.00	0.00
22.5x8 1/4 wheels rear	WOPT	4		210.00	0.00
22.5x9 front wheels	WOPT	2		360.00	0.00
Shop Supplies and Fees					
MISCELLANEOUS SHOP SUPPLIES	MSS		LABOR		

Subtotal:
 Tax:
 Total:

Engine 51 \$4120⁰⁰

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ATT. Chief

**BACKHOE WORK
TRUCK RENTAL
SNOWPLOWING
SANDING & SALTING
OIL TANK REMOVAL
POWER SWEEPING**

RE: Blacktop Driveway " Note Price is Not Guaranteed "

D.M. Intelisano Construction hereby submits the following specifications and estimate for:

1. excavate and dispose of existing blacktop driveway surface, approximately 97 X 31ft.
2. Replace and grade with 18 inches of 1 1/2 " of dense graded in driveway and compack.
3. install 3 inches of bituminous base blacktop and top with 2 inch finished of mass top.
4. Note an added cost to hall blacktop to job is \$ 95.00 a hour to and from job.
5. Any other work deemed necessary will be done at an added cost on a time and material basis with prior approval and authorization by the property owner.

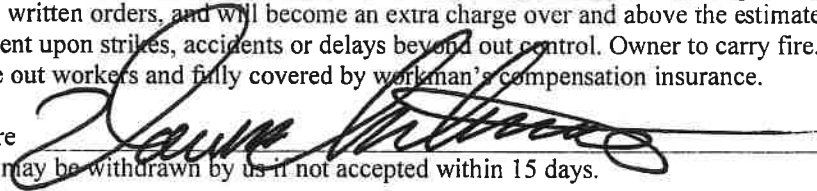
We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor complete in accordance with above specifications for the sum of:

Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred And No/100 \$ 38,700.00

Terms of Payment 1/2 down upon signing, balance due upon completion

All material is guaranteed to be specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. And alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate, all agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond out control. Owner to carry fire, and other necessary insurance out workers and fully covered by workman's compensation insurance.

Authorized signature



Note: this proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 15 days.

Acceptance of Proposal- The above prices, specification and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be as outlined above

✓ **Signature** _____

Signature _____

✓ **Date of Acceptance** _____ **Telephone Number** 413-684 6118

