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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Apparatus Committee

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

5:30 PM

Coles Road Firehouse

105 Coles Road

Cromwell, CT

Present: Commissioners David Colligan (Chairman) and Charles Epstein, Fire Chief Jason Balletto, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Brade, Executive Director Julius Neto and Commissioner Chip Darius. Commissioner Jason Hinnens and Chris Logan were absent.

- I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM, by Chairman Colligan.
- II. Approval of Agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Epstein, seconded by Executive Director Neto and unanimously approved to accept the agenda as submitted.
- III. Public Comment. There were no public comments to report.
- IV. Review and Discussion of Specifications for New Rescue/Pumper. The Chief distributed copies of an email he received from Mike Hanratty of Firematic regarding approval of the paint color. Once approval of the build is done, they will start to paint the chassis. The Fire Department members and the Chief reviewed all the specifics making sure they addressed the President's concerns about the lights.
 - The Chief confirmed that they are all Whalen lights.
 - The wheels are red per specification, and it has two sirens.
 - There is a federal Q and an electric Q (mechanical and electric).
 - The Department decided to remove two seats out of the rear. It will be a 4 seat apparatus.
 - They approved and agreed to install an EMS cabinet in the back of the apparatus or the cab.

There were very few modifications made. The ones mentioned are the only changes made. The Department members sat with both companies and approved everything going forward. The lights for the tank fill were put on the two sides. The Chief would like to put a QR scan behind the back door on the officer's side of the cab.

The Chairman agreed with the recommendations the Chief discussed. A poll was taken among the career, part-time and volunteer members. It was decided to change the name of the new Rescue Pumper to Squad 1. That is why the diagram distributed at this meeting shows the cab with SQ-1 on the grill.

The Executive Director noted that all the changes just discussed by the Chief were approved at the last Apparatus Committee meeting of June 8, 2022. He did not believe anything needed to be voted on again. The information tonight was provided as an update. The only item to be voted on would be the QR code.

The Executive Director noted also that the Chief had distributed an email from Mike Hanratty of Firematic. That email contained 5 questions that needed to be answered by the Committee in order for Firematic to proceed with the order for Pierce.

In summary, actions for the Committee at this meeting were: Approval of the QR code and deck gun and to answer the 5 questions listed in Mr. Hanratty's email. There will be a deck gun on Engine 1 which Chris Logan was able to get from storage. Instead of purchasing deck guns, the Department had some in storage which were usable. There will also be a deck gun on the Rescue Pumper. Drafting tubes will be the only thing that will not be put on the new rescue pumper.

The Chief stated that he would like to get Engine 1 in service as soon as possible. He is thinking of taking equipment off Engine 2 to outfit Engine 1. When the new equipment comes in, they will replace the old with the new. The Chairman approved of the colors. Commissioner Darius noticed there was no identification on the front grill of the apparatus. Chief Balletto noted that there will be identification, but will have to be fabricated.

The graphics were reviewed on the sheets distributed. The Chief pointed out the changes. Hoses were also discussed. There are aluminum ladders and tools per specifications. They got rid of CO2 extinguishers and are sticking with dry powders. The Chairman wanted the piece to have a Class D. The Chief noted that if it is voted on by the Committee to have a Class D (used for magnesium fires), the Chief will see to it that it gets done.

The first question from Mr. Hanratty's email was: "On 37271 we put Gold Leaf Stripe on the paint break & IPO Chrome Molding. This unit has Chrome Molding in the order. Which would you like?" The Chairman thought the Department should keep with the gold leaf like the other trucks to keep all the apparatus uniform.

Question 2, "This unit has the S/S Trim band where the previous did not. This changes the striping look a small amount. Should the S/S band remain on this unit? The Chief thought that it should stay. The Chairman agreed.

Question 3, "I had to downsize the B1 lettering to fit." They all felt they had no other choices or options.

Question 4, "The Freedom Flag was moved due to the Scene light." The Committee was aware of this change.

Question 5, "Folded ribbon is in different positions on either side due to the LS4/RS4." The Committee was aware of the folded ribbon.

A motion was made by Commissioner Epstein, seconded by Executive Director Neto and unanimously approved to accept the answers to questions 1 – 5 from Mr. Hanratty's email as discussed and to accept the paint scheme as it appears on the handout distributed. A copy is attached to the minutes on file in the Fire District Office, adding the Class D metal extinguisher.

The Chief noted that Assistant Chief Brade will be the contact going forward with Firematic. He will be the lead for the Chief's office so the Chief can address other issues that need his attention. The Chairman asked that Ass't Chief Brade email the committee to update them on his updates with Firematic. Chief Brade plans to advise Firematic of what was approved at this meeting.


- V. Commissioners' Comments. There were no Commissioners' comments, however, Chief Balletto took the opportunity to provide an update on the ambulance. The Chief had sent the specs for the ambulance to the Committee. There were a couple of changes. On the driver's side, rear compartment, there was a lower compartment door that was increased to six feet so they could store gear, tools and extinguishers in there if needed. There were not many changes inside the cab. They are adding a C med radio and will be doing their own wiring. All the wiring for the radios has been purchased. They will be given to the manufacturer who will wire the ambulance for the Department. Norcom will only have to drill a small hole for installation.

There were no backup old radios in storage so the Chief had to spend \$27,000 for radios for the new apparatus' and the ambulance. The Chief is waiting for cost information for the door extension and approval of the paint. The only difference is the chassis will be red. They also went from a 450 to a 550 chassis because of resale value. The full Chevron will not be on the back. It will be on the side of the door and straight down. The radio in front will not control the radio in the back. M-6 lighting is on the ambulance. Chris Logan has worked to get approval of all changes.

They are hoping that the rescue/pumper will be ready in 1 – 2 months. The Chief suggested that the Commissioners decide now who they would like to go to Wisconsin. The Chairman will be discussing this with the President. The Chief added that Engine 1 is ready to go. They are waiting for the bill of sale so it can be registered.

- VI. Adjournment. There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Epstein, seconded by Executive Director Neto and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David J. Colligan, Chairman

Nancy Deegan
Recording Secretary