

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD – OCTOBER 17, 2013

On Thursday, October 17, 2013, the Town Board of the Town of Raymond held a Special Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Present for the meeting were, Town Chairman, Gary Kastenson; Supervisors, James Phillips; Paul Ryan; Tim Geszvain; and Dave Lecus. Also present were, Town Clerk, Linda M. Terry; Town Treasurer, Lee Marie Toll; and, Alan Babe; Keven Leedle and Adam Smith from the Fire/Rescue Department. There were also two residents in attendance.

1. Discussion/Decision regarding the purchase of a tanker truck:

Chief Babe stated that at the meeting in April, the Board told him to investigate the cost of three vendors for a tanker truck. He has those figures tonight.

Supervisor Ryan asked if Chief Babe had looked into any sort of payment plan for the purchase?

Chief Babe said there are benefits if we pay for the truck up front.

Mr. Leedle said that they did not ask U.S. Tanker or S & R if we paid up front if there was a discount like the Pierce Truck.

Supervisor Ryan asked what is the life of the equipment?

Chief Babe said it was 25 years.

Chairman Kastenson asked if Chief Babe asked for a price without the pump?

Chief Babe said that it was approximately \$7000.00 - \$8000.00 difference.

Chief Babe also stated that they are looking to replace 461 – it doesn't meet NFPA specs. When we have a long driveway, we have an immediate need for the water.

Supervisor Ryan asked which tanker they prefer?

Mr. Leedle said they prefer the Kenworth from U.S. Tanker. We would sign the contract in 2013 for delivery in 2014. He also stated that U.S. Tanker and Pierce, will help the Town sell our existing truck. We should get between \$5000.00 - \$6000.00 for our truck.

Supervisor Geszvain stated that Yorkville/Union Grove Department comes to our fires and they have an old tanker – can we work together on something with them?

Supervisor Phillips asked how often our existing tanker went out this year?

He was told it went out 4 or 5 times.

Chairman Kastenson asked what Union Grove is doing with their old tanker?

Supervisor Phillips stated that we just do not have the money in the budget for such a purchase.

Supervisor Ryan asked how many fire calls does the Town go on?

Chief Babe stated that truck 462 goes out 35 – 38 times a year. He also stated that the Town hired him to take care of the Town – he's trying to make it safer.

Mr. Leedle added that, there are times when the Town did not have enough water to fight a fire.

Supervisor Ryan asked how many structures in the Town are more than two stories?

Mr. Leedle stated that the Town has quite a few exposed basements, which makes the home three stories.

Supervisor Phillips stated that the Town has a very tight budget – how can we explain this expense to the people?

Chief Babe said that we have about 36 homes with long driveways – we need more water to fight fires.

Chief Babe said that he would be willing to use the 2% dues money, as well as the ACT 102 money to make a payment.

Chairman Kastenson said that he didn't like the idea of the Raymond tax payers paying \$217,000.00 for a truck that isn't going to be staying in the Town.

Chief Babe said that the new tanker would not leave the Town of Raymond.

Supervisor Ryan stressed his disappointment with this whole situation. Unfortunately, there were only two residents in attendance for this meeting. There should be more people here, especially when the Town is considering spending this amount of money. Unfortunately, this happens every year at budget time. More people need to be showing up for this sort of meeting. He suggested moving on to the next agenda item.

Mr. Leedle asked how they can move forward with the purchase?

Supervisor Ryan stated that we have to plan for the future. The cost of this purchase should have been put in the budget. And, unfortunately, because the Town can only raise the levy a certain percentage (1/2 percent) each year, there just isn't money in the budget for a payment for a new tanker truck.

2. Review/Discussion/Possible Decisions on Proposed 2014 Town Budget:

The budget figures were completed on Tuesday (October 15th). Approval for the budget to go to the newspaper will be addressed at the Town's next regular board meeting (October 28th).

At 9:10 pm, the meeting was ADJOURNED ON A LECUS/GESZVAIN MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

**Linda M. Terry
Town Clerk
Town of Raymond**