

Board of Fire Commissioners

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The May 8, 2018 special meeting of the Greenfield Fire District was called to order at 8:20 pm by Chairman Chandler with a flag salute and moment of silence.

Present: Commissioners Chandler, Dussault, King, Miller, Sadousky; District Administrator/Treasurer Petkus. Others in attendance: D/C Middlebrook, A/C's Barss and Bullard, Cpt. Richards, firefighters J. Burwell, S. Hickam, C. McGowan, and representatives from Vander Molen.

Commissioner Chandler explained that the purpose of this meeting is to go over the specs for new 273 that were received the other day from KME; he has gotten through about ¾ and has found a bunch of discrepancies.

Commissioner King questioned if Mr. Warren from KME was afforded the opportunity to attend this meeting as well; brief discussion continued. Commissioner King clarified the question; was Mr. Warren asked to be here? Firefighter Burwell noted he told Mr. Warren there was a meeting to discuss the truck. Further discussion continued.

Commissioner Chandler pointed out the differences as follows:

- Multiplex wiring is still in the spec, even though they wanted point to point wiring;
- Predator cab, not the best cab, there are still ABS door and inside cab storage panels;
- Still have 425 tires on the front;
- 65 gallon fuel capacity, but it is changed to stainless steel;
- Still 8" longer;
- Still using quick release fittings on the air hoses;
- Folding steps on back, not ladder.

Firefighter Burwell also noted the dip locks are missing, speedway connections are still in the tray, added large tank water level gauges to the side of the cab, did not put any strainers in. Commissioner King noted that he told KME the district is buying the box strainers, along with the hose and portable tanks. It was noted that Sutphen did not change their specs on this.

Commissioner King asked if Sutphen used any multiplex; it was noted no, except for the boom on the aerials. Commissioner King asked how they diagnosed their motor; it was noted it is a J1939 connection that still runs through the Cummins software, it is a shielded pair wire but is not especially multiplexed; J1939 backbone is not classified as a multiplex system.

The KME is priced at \$718,000.00 and the Sutphen is priced at \$765,830.73, a \$47,830.73 difference in prices.

Commissioner Chandler questioned the price of the strainers; it was noted to be about \$700.00 for both. Also questioned why KME stayed with the Predator cab; Commissioner King noted he did not ask them. Commissioner Miller noted he thought in the specs it said it was their "top of the line" cab; Commissioner Chandler noted it is their middle of the line cab, and they said it was minimal in price so he does not understand why it was not put in the spec.

Commissioner Chandler noted that in looking at the differences, he is still not convinced both specs are comparable, and assumes the truck committee thinks that as well. Firefighter McGowan noted he was not able to read it, but he has an issue with KME because the committee had repeatedly asked for the truck to be shorter and they repeated said no, but now magically they were able to. He also still has a concern with the light tower as he has heard nothing but complaints from Co #3 about the one on their truck. It was noted that the new spec shows it is not pneumatic.

A/C Barss noted that the constructions of the KME cab is still the same, whereas the Sutphen has the double frame and the triple coating. The issues with the ladder truck were noted as an example.

Brief discussion regarding which trucks are currently multiplexed and which are not.

Commissioner Chandler asked for final comments from the Board; Commissioner Dussault noted he wanted to see something done; Commissioner Chandler noted tomorrow night is the decision.

A/C Barss also noted that KME had previously noted that if the tank was put in the truck with the pump that was designed in the back, it would extend the truck; somehow they were able to do it and shorten the truck.

Commissioner Chandler noted that over the 20 year life expectancy of the truck, the \$47,000 difference turns into less than \$2400 per year; the district spends well more than that on several of the other trucks because of issues that KME has; he did not promise that they will not have same or similar issues with Sutphen.

Commissioner Chandler questioned A/C Bullard on the 2019 Ford F350 pickup bids; A/C Bullard noted the company recommendation is to accept the low bid of \$34,434.00 from Carmody Ford. He would like the Board to upgrade to the radio/trailer/towing package which would give them a bigger back up screen; cost is about \$1,200.00.

Brief discussion regarding the trip to Long Island to pick up the forcible entry equipment.

Motion made by Commissioner Dussault with a second from Commissioner King to dispense with the reading of the minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Sadousky with a second from Commissioner Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Petkus
District Administrator/Treasurer