

## **Board of Fire Commissioners**

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The August 22, 2024 Board of Fire Commissioners Special Meeting to discuss the purchase of the Wilton Fire District Aerial Tower was called to order at the District Office by Chairman Michael Chandler at 7:10 p.m.

**Present were:** Commissioners Chandler, Chouinard, Ellsworth, Etson, Russo. Others listed on the sign in sheet.

Lengthy discussion continued, including:

- Commissioner Chouinard wanted to discuss the estimate from Brindal Mountain on what 293 is actually worth, which is \$200,000.00. Discussion continued as to whether or not as a Board we are going to buy Wilton's truck.
- Discussion on where the monies would come from for the purchase of the Aerial Tower from Wilton.
- Deputy Chief Bogardus noted that the district does not have much of a choice. There are four story buildings being developed in the town of Wilton and our ladder truck will not be effective for this.
- Discussion continued on the condition of Wilton's ladder truck.
- Commissioner Chandler noted that the agreement was that we could take the truck and have an inspection done prior to purchase.
- Commissioner Ellsworth spoke with a Pierce dealer and was told that this truck was worth the asking price.
- Commissioner Ellsworth also noted that the cancellation of 273 is not going very well. We also have 261 coming in.
- Lengthy discussion on available funds.
- Commissioner Chandler stated that he is not opposed to the purchase of the truck but, there needs to be a plan in place for the future.
- Wilton is only asking for a letter of commitment for purchase in January, 2025.
- Deputy Chief Bogardus informed the Board that they can develop a special tax, only if they pursue special equipment for the district.
- Commissioner Ellsworth asked that if we do purchase this truck, could we only send it on necessary calls. Lengthy discussion took place.
- Commissioner Etson agreed that the district does need a plan in place for the future. Also feels that Wilton's Aerial Tower is a good move.
- The purchase will not take place until after the first of the year. Lengthy discussion.
- A permissive referendum is necessary.

**RESOLUTION #200 MOVING FORWARD WITH SENDING A LETTER OF INTENT TO WILTON FIRE DISTRICT REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF THEIR AERIAL TOWER.**

MOTION: Chouinard

SECOND: Chandler

RESOLVED to move forward with sending a letter of intent to Wilton Fire District regarding the purchase of their Aerial Tower.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

- Deputy Chief Bogardus would like to discuss the four gas meters at the next Commissioner's Meeting. Discussion.
- Capt. Krueger submitted the SCBA budget for 2025 and Joyce did not receive it. Will meet with her next week. Discussion on the SCBA bottles.
- Commissioner Ellsworth noted that the Truck Committee rejected the purchase of the one from DeNoyer and we will have to send it back out to be rebid.
- Chief Barss noted that he will not be here for next week's Commissioner's Meeting.

## RESOLUTION #201 DISPENSING WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES.

MOTION: Chandler

SECOND: Chouinard

RESOLVED to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

VOTE: All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Chandler with a second from Commissioner Chouinard adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Deidre M. Chandler  
Operations Secretary