



Date: November 24, 2025
To: Mayor and Town Council
From: Morgan Cates, Public Services Director
Re: Consideration and Approval: **Lake Tech Fire Truck Restoration Agreement**

Objective:

To move forward with the Howey Fire Truck Restoration Project.

Summary:

The Howey Fire Truck Restoration project involves entering into an agreement with Lake Technical College to perform the bulk of the repair and labor for the project. The scope of the work for the project includes the engine and transmission swap, axle swap and fabrication, wiring fabrication and installation. The City of Tavares has donated a truck to provide the new axles and brake system. The Town would need to donate the deaccessioned 2020 Chevy Tahoe for the engine and transmission (see the attached form). Lake Tech's proposal for labor is estimated at \$3,435.00 (see the attached service order). The Town would purchase all the parts for an estimated cost of \$15,520 (see the attached parts estimate), not including the donated Chevy Tahoe, which has an estimated value of \$5,000.00

Unfortunately, Lake Tech does not provide the services for interior upholstery, nor the services of paint and body work that would complete the restoration project.

The Howey Fire Truck Restoration Project would be funded through the General Fund, Historical Preservation, Operating Supplies - \$20,000.00 and Other Non-Operating Uses (Donations) - \$4,443.00. Total approved available budget is \$24,443.00. These budgeted funds would cover the labor, parts, and upholstery cost. However, the remaining funds of an estimated \$4,000.00 would not cover the paint and body work.

Fiscal Impact:

There is an initial fiscal impact to the Town of an estimated \$18,955.00 (potentially up to \$20,000.00), based on the proposal from Lake Technical College and estimates received for the interior upholstery.

Staff Recommendation:

Town Staff seeks the Town Council's guidance on how staff should proceed regarding the project.