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**Date:** December 8, 2025

**To:** Mayor and Town Council

**From:** Sean O’Keefe, Town Manager

**Re:** Discussion: **The Public/Residents Fundraising the necessary fund to complete the restoration of the Town’s antique Fire Truck** (*Mayor Pro Tem Everline’s Agenda Item*)

**Objective:**

To discuss volunteer funding of the Howey Fire Truck.

**Summary:**

The Howey Fire Truck Restoration project was discussed at the prior Town Council Meeting (11/24/2025). The council did not approve the agreement to proceed with the repairs at a cost of approximately \$20,000. This amount did not include the services of paint and body work that would complete the restoration project.

Councilor Everline asked that there be a discussion at tonight’s meeting to discuss having residents fundraise the needed amount. There was also a discussion on how much had been raised in the past and given to the Town.

In double-checking the available financial records on the fire truck donations, the following amounts were confirmed:

FY21 - \$2,142.54 (Individually listed donation amounts of \$1,831.54, \$300, \$10, and \$1)  
FY22 - \$2,068.10 (Individually listed donation amounts of \$2,033 and \$35.10)  
FY23 - \$482 (raised at Founders Day 2023)

This is a total of **\$4,692.64** raised in donations for the fire truck, which had been carried forward in the budget.

The last several years of expenditures related to the fire truck include: towing the truck to Pacquette (\$577.50), towing the truck back from Pacquette (\$525), and towing the truck to Lake Tech (\$250). Of these, the last towing cost (\$250) utilized the donated funds, reducing the remaining carry-forward amount to the current amount of **\$4,442.64**.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The projected costs of the fire truck restoration were estimated to be approximately \$20,000 for the restomod to the vehicle, with additional costs for body work and paint.

**Staff Recommendation:**

There is no staff recommendation.