

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE  
Unapproved Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 9, 2022**

Clerk Noble called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Noble called the roll:

Present: Anthony L. Noble, Clerk  
Mike Roman, Treasurer  
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee  
Michael Powell, Trustee  
Liz Fessler Smith, Trustee (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)

Absent: Rik Kowall, Supervisor  
Scott Ruggles, Trustee

Also Present: John Holland, Fire Chief  
Jason Hanifen, Fire Marshal  
Jennifer Edens, Recording Secretary

**It was MOVED by Clerk Noble, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to have Treasurer Roman chair the meeting in Supervisor Kowall's absence. The motion PASSED by voice vote (4 yes votes).**

**AGENDA**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Voorheis, SUPPORTED by Trustee Powell to approve the Agenda. The motion PASSED by voice vote (4 yes votes).**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. REQUEST APPROVAL TO ACCEPT BID FOR SALE OF 2006 PIERCE HEAVY  
RESCUE TRUCK**

Chief Holland thanked the Board for taking time out of their schedule to be here. He shared that this truck has been for sale for two years, dating back to when Chief Marinucci was with the Township. He indicated that it, along with two tankers, were listed at the same time and that the tankers sold within weeks. The truck in discussion has been listed for sale since August of 2020

with Brindlee Mountain advertising. There has been some expressed interest, but the truck is only a two-man cab. He wants the Board to understand that two years of it sitting idle still costs money (i.e., pump test, inspections, and maintenance).

Chief Holland further shared that a bid from Arapahoe Fire Department in North Carolina was received for \$77,500. He noted that the truck was originally listed for \$175,000. He further noted that the price has been adjusted over the course of two years and that it was brought down to \$95,000 before there was any attraction. Chief Holland noted that the truck had its use with the Township with the idea behind it that it could be run as a heavy rescue and could carry JAWS. He continued that if the department was on a run and had a medical, it was a piece of equipment that could get things started. He opined by the mileage that the department ran the truck into the ground. He also indicated that as the department grew, the truck was used less and in fact, now all of the rescue equipment has been divvied up amongst the other trucks and there is no rescue equipment on it anymore.

Chief Holland believes that if this offer is not accepted, then the next time he comes before the Board, it will be for even less money. It is his recommendation to move forward with the sale. He clarified that Brindlee will receive 10% for the advertising.

Treasurer Roman confirmed that a tanker was ordered and that the ship receive date was two years out. He opined that with supply chain it is mind boggling that the used truck is not in high demand.

Chief Holland shared that there are trucks for sale everywhere and that this truck is a good one, but that it is costing a lot of money. He indicated that they already had to rebuild the motor and that to spend \$5,000 a year for a truck that they are not using gives him heartburn.

Trustee Powell clarified that the truck is a 2006 and asked what the cost to buy it new was.

Chief Holland does not have that information available. He did indicate that the new tanker costs \$500,000.

In response to Clerk Noble's question if this will be used to offset, Chief Holland indicated the money would go back into the 2004 millage account and used towards the purchase of the tanker.

Clerk Noble questioned the milage on the truck, to which Chief Holland indicated 128,000. Clerk Noble opined that including idle time on the truck it is likely looking at 250,000 miles in time.

Chief Holland noted that 128,000 is hard miles, responding to calls. He further opined that the department has probably gotten more use out of this truck than any other one it has had.

Trustee Powell thanked Chief Holland for providing the service history.

Clerk Noble noted that any fixed assets, per policy, will be documented with milage and purchase date. He stated that the Township needs to keep accurate records of its assets.

Treasurer Roman asked if the vast majority of fire equipment is sold on the Brindlee Mountain's website.

Chief Holland cannot answer that question as he was not involved when Chief Marinucci was here and started this process.

Chief Holland noted that they shuffle their turnout gear with departments in need rather than throw them away.

Fire Marshall Hanifen, in regard to the Arapahoe Fire Department, shared that they have numerous departments that covers approximately 106 square miles. He believes they are the first out rescue for all of the departments, and he believes that will be the use of this truck.

Trustee Voorheis agrees with Chief Holland. She wants it sold and gone.

Treasurer Roman believes Chief Holland's judgment is more important than anyone else's on this. He is tempted to suggest that a counteroffer be made but understands Chief Holland recommends selling now.

Clerk Noble believes it is a good value for a sixteen-year-old truck. He averages that it costs about \$4,000 a year not counting insurance. He reminded by selling it the money will go back into the account, and by goodwill the Township will be helping a community that does not have that capability.

Chief Holland opined that if the community had money, they would not be buying this truck. He does not believe that a community with money buys someone else's old fire trucks.

Trustee Powell is disappointed that the magazine charges 10% for advertising.

Chief Holland does not believe they charge until the truck sells.

Trustee Powell suggests next time that percentage needs to be negotiated. He further noted that there should be a document that identifies what the percentage is or some sort of contract.

Chief Holland reminded that he did not set this up and that it was there when he came in.

Trustee Smith asked that he follow through and confirm that the Township is committed to 10%. To which Chief Holland indicated that the Township is obligated to it.

**It was MOVED by Trustee Powell, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to honor the lowest bid of \$77,500.00 as recommended by the fire chief. The vote PASSED by voice vote (5 yes votes).**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**It was MOVED by Trustee Smith, SUPPORTED by Trustee Voorheis to adjourn. The motion PASSED by voice vote (5 yes votes).**

**The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.**

I, Anthony L. Noble, the duly elected and qualified Clerk of the Charter Township of White Lake, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the May 9, 2022, special board meeting minutes.

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Anthony L. Noble, Clerk  
White Lake Township  
Oakland County, Michigan