

## Henry Heck

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**From:** Sharon Davis <sharon.davis@vnaahsr.org> on behalf of Sharon Davis  
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**To:** 'Henry Heck'  
**Subject:** PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Committee  
Met: 3/31/2021  
Time: 5:30pm

Members present: Alderman Savage, Clifford, Neary, Franco and Chair Davis  
Others present: President Whittcomb, Alderman Gorrusso, Gillam, Doenges, Talbott, Mayor Allaire  
Chief Lovett and Treasure Markowski.

Topic: Replacement of Engine 3 Pumper Truck

Chief Lovett discussed the issues with engine . Purchased in 2004 damaged noticed in August of 2020 due to the frame. Cost to repair would be approximately 232,000.00 dollars. Currently due to the loss of the vehicle Rutland Town has been assisting with coverage.

The loss of the vehicle from the existing fleet could affect the ISO rating impacting the insurance rates within the city. The Chief spoke to the needs of this vehicle as it is used as back up coverage for the city and for Mendon coverage.

The use of the Fire equipment fund was discussed which generates about 261,000.00 dollars yearly. Members shared concerns of draining the fund due to the fact that we are having to replace this engine early with other needs coming due for 2026.

The Treasure spoke regarding taking the total amount due from the fund and saving the taxpayers around 35,000.00 in interest or doing a lease agreement that we currently have in place with the new tower truck to protect the integrity of the fund. Many board members spoke in support of the lease agreement.

The Chief was looking to waive the normal bid process as if he went through known vendors he could save the taxpayers around 25,000.00 dollars. He was able to look at bids that were sent and recommended Ferraro with a price not to exceed 404,754.00 dollars. The would be a bare bones truck no frills and the existing equipment on engine 3 would be salvaged.

The Treasure was to get to the board different scenarios for leasing years and annual payments to consider.

The motion out of committee is to approve the request using a lease agreement as Ferraro as the vendor. The motion passed 4-1 and I so move.

Respectfully submitted  
Sharon Davis Chair

FYI we will need to amend the motion regarding the waiver of the bid process and the lease agreement