

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Chaplin, Connecticut
SPECIAL MEETING
October 26, 2021
Special Meeting
MINUTES**

Members Present: William H. Rose IV, First Selectman; Anthony Pinto, Selectman; Kenneth Fortier, Selectman.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Andrew Daniels and Juan Roman

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm
2. **Board Member Reports:** None
3. **Discussion and possible action regarding the new firetruck.** Bill Rose explained the funds for the new firetruck (see below). The total purchase is \$405,000. If we pre-pay the whole amount, we will save \$8000 but we only have \$295,000 in CIP so we would need to go to town meeting for the rest. If we prepay with the \$295,000 that we have, we will still save approximately \$5840 and may be short \$2760 after the grant of \$91,400 is applied and we receive credit for the trade-in. Bill Rose made a **MOTION** to purchase a new firetruck for \$405,000 and pre-pay with \$295,000 from CIP funds giving us a savings of approximately \$5840. The trade-in will need to be finalized by Greenwood Emergency Vehicles, LLC for approximately \$10,000 giving us the balance of \$2760 owed (see below) which may be compensated for if we get more than \$10,000 for the trade-in. Ken Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. No Discussion. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

Cost of Truck	\$405,000
Approved CIP Funds	\$295,000
Approved USDA Grant Funds	\$91,400
Projected Trade-In	\$10,000
Pre-payment savings	\$5,840
Approximate Balance Due	\$2,760

4. **Discussion regarding American Relief Funds – COVID 19:** Bill Rose stated that the Library/Senior Center building is in need of a new HVAC system and that other towns are using ARPA funds to cover these costs. Other towns are also submitting loss revenue claims which, if awarded, these funds will go into the general fund to be used on any project. The guidelines are very specific on how the funds can be spent but by using the loss revenue calculation the guidelines are not as strict on how you spend the money. The town of Canterbury sent us their information for loss revenue which was forwarded to our auditor as a guideline for Chaplin. This calculation must be done by the auditor as they would better understand the formulas.

5. **Discuss and possible action regarding "Little Free Boxes", Parish Hill School project.** Bill Rose asked the Board for input on where the school can put more book boxes up on municipal property. The school is doing a project and asked if they can set these up in Chaplin. The existing one in the town hall parking lot gets a lot of activity and he suggested upgrading it to a larger box. The Board agreed that the transfer station would be a good location, there is a lot of traffic, and it would probably get a lot of use there. Bill Rose will check into upgrading the town hall parking lot box.
6. **Buildings, grounds, and maintenance.** Bill Rose reported that there is a culvert under Goodell Road and the pipe is rotting out so we hired Donahue excavation to dig it out and replace pipe and we would work with them. We built a bridge there and still waiting for them so before the ground freezes, we will rent a 9-ton excavator and do it ourselves. The DPW crew didn't receive the bucket truck rental yet, so they have been working on equipment to prepare for the winter. When you rent these trucks, towns have an option to extend the rental which is why we are still waiting for it. Also, the Trooper office will need mold remediation and in the meantime his office is at the Senior Center. We are still working on moving his phone and cable lines.
7. **Human Resources:** No updates
8. **Tax Refunds:** Joe Pinto made a **MOTION** to approve a tax refund to Truman J. Pearl for \$15.92 and \$4.88. Ken Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.
9. **Appointments and Resignations:** None
10. **Adjourn:** Bill Rose made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm. Ken Fortier seconded the **MOTION**. All in favor. **MOTION** passed.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Suzanne Krodel
Administrative Assistant*