

**Fire Commissioners Meeting
Draft Minutes
May 20, 2020**

Remote Zoom Meeting

Present: Commissioner's Rick Pisano, Adam Zais, Kevin Conley, Fire Chief Paul Rhude.

Recording on Zoom

No Public Comment:

Old Business:

- **Treasurer previously informed the Chief that there are sufficient funds in this year's operating budget to purchase a new vehicle and will not need a warrant at the district meeting.**
- **Chief Rhude announced there was \$70,000 from various line items in the budget to spend. Vehicle options were discussed that are on the state bid**
- **Commissioner Pisano moved for Chief Rhude to make that expenditure out of this year operating budget to purchase a replacement vehicle and to go ahead with repairs to the existing vehicle. Second, all in favor-Commissioners Pisano, Conley, Zais-motion passed. Articles in district meeting will be adjusted to eliminate the request for a new vehicle to be purchased in the next fiscal year.**
- **Chief Rhude discussed increasing the legal line item in next year's fiscal budget which will be discussed in Executive Session.**
- **Commissioner Zais asked how much free cash is available in operating budget for this year. \$337,650 spent \$207,940 have \$129,709 remaining as of April 30. Will encumber \$43,000 for new vehicle and about \$2,200 for repairs of current vehicle. Current legal line item is \$25,000 Chief Rhude suggests moving it to \$46,0000 (from \$21,000 admin) as the Union is planning on filing arbitration regarding a step 2 grievance.**

Commissioner Pisano made a motion to approve the adjustment of the budget to be the final copy to be submitted to Prudential Committee tomorrow to include raising the line legal line item from \$25,000 to \$46,0000. Second, All in favor Commissioners Pisano, Conley, Zais.

Motion made to go into Executive Session under Purpose 3 To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. this in regard to discussion of potential litigation with Local 3642. Second, all in favor.