



BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Cotuit Fire District

Water Department

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A special meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held via a public Zoom Video at 8:30 a.m. Chairman Scott Horsley, Commissioner Robinson, Commissioner Tom Hoppensteadt, Superintendent Chris Wiseman and Jennifer Nash were present.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. and opened to public comment. There was no comment at this time.

The board discussed the current vehicle shortage affecting the water department staff. As recommended by Superintendent Wiseman, due to COVID and the small size Water Department staff, it is deemed to be risky for 2 employees to be in the same vehicle together and Superintendent Wiseman has been using his personal vehicle during this time as an interim measure. It was noted that the fire department does wear masks and share vehicles, but Commissioner Hoppensteadt pointed out that they are trained medical professionals and they have 3 shifts of employees. If the 2 of the WD Staff were to get sick, it would cut the workforce in half and be detrimental to the operation of the department. They reviewed several options for addressing this shortage and agreed that purchasing or leasing a 4<sup>th</sup> vehicle is the best solution.

Commissioner Hoppensteadt made a motion to move forward with requesting a special district meeting with an article to purchase or lease a 4<sup>th</sup> vehicle using stabilization funds up to (not to exceed) \$35,000. This motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Nash will notify PruComm Chairwoman Parks of the decision and request time on their agenda for the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The item will also be added to the August 26<sup>th</sup> BOWC Agenda to finalize the specific vehicle requisition.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Horsley, Chairman