

**PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
November 5, 2004
0730 hours
801 Burlington, Ante Room**

Members in Attendance:

Sue McConnell, Commissioner
Stan Urban, Commissioner
Chief Phil Ruscetti, DGF
Deputy Chief Bob Tutko, DGF

Meeting called to order by Commissioner McConnell at 0800 hours

October meeting minutes approved with no changes.

Deputy Chief Tutko provided a Capital Budget Improvements/Equipment information packet to Comm. McConnell and Comm. Urban. DC Tutko then expounded on the information included in the packet.

In cooperation with Dan Fitzpatrick of the Facilities Dept., a schedule of the various issues at each fire station is now being worked on by various contractors.

- showers at Station 1 are currently being redone.
- Roof and hose tower at Station 3 are being fixed
- Station 3, kitchen redo – cabinets, hood and tile – work will start before Thanksgiving

Various projects still to be completed.

- Generators for back up electricity at Stations 1 and 3
- Station 3 getting estimates on siding to be done in spring (estimated \$10,000)
- Bathroom at Station 5
- Roof replacement at Station 5
- Overhead heaters
- Window replacements at Station 2 (estimated \$30,000)
- New Plymovent
- Front office remodel

DC Tutko talked about comparable communities and what they have done and how they have paid for their projects. He advised the DG Village Manager has approved \$105,000 each year for capital improvements.

Comm. Urban questioned if the bracing for the hose tower was included in the 2005/06 budget. DC Tutko advised that it was not.

Comm. Urban stated that at least the top 3 Capital Improvement projects should be done, if possible, this budget year.

Comm. McConnell requested that a copy of this packet be given to Mayor Krajewski and to Comm. Sandack for their review.

DC Tutko continued with information regarding Station 2 repairs now going on and anticipated.

Other issues include:

- Air compressor – something we definitely need to look at replacing within the next year.
- Ambulances bought in 2000-2001 should be speced out in 2006 to have a new one built.
- Engine 2 being replaced January 2005.
- Engine 3 needs to be refurbished due to its age at the approximate cost of \$20,000-35,000.
- Reopening of Station 4 due to anticipate 250-unit town home development in the Butterfield – I355 area. Could the developer be approached for land and/or cash donation to revive Station 4?
- Office copiers at Stations 3 & 5. Discussion regarding buying on our own or through the Village due to need for replacement within the next year or two.
- Cardiac Monitors – around \$5,100 for refurbished Zoll monitors – these are for the 2 ALS engines.
 - o GSH awarded the DGFDD the monthly Hartmann award for the save of a 16 month old using a pediatric monitor.
- SCBA need to be included in the 5 year Capital replacement plan and will need to be replaced within the next year or two.

Also discussed was the section of the booklet, which included examples of financing the various projects, as done by other Fire Departments and Fire Protection Districts

Chief Ruscetti thanked DC Tutko for all his work in putting together all the information for the packet regarding the Capital Development 5-year Plan projects.

Chief Ruscetti then brought up the last Council Meeting and the issue of the sprinkler ordinance expressing a desire to be supported regarding his stance on this topic.

Chief Ruscetti advised that there is nothing in the code that states once you sell the property you need to sprinkle. He did advise that as long as the property owner did not change the use of the property then they would not need to sprinkle, but if 35% or more of the property was changed that they must sprinkle.

Comm. McConnell requested information with exact language regarding this issue along with information on the subject of retrofit.

Comm. Urban advised that he was made to sprinkle the cooler at his new location in a new building - which he was not too pleased about but that it did bring down the cost of his insurance because he was sprinklered.

Discussion regarding the estimated cost of \$1.50-2.50 sq. ft. for a new building is roughly around the same cost to retrofit. Also, the big benefit to the property owner with regard to savings in insurance costs should be recognized.

Commissioners McConnell and Urban requested one more Public Safety meeting to just discuss the code with unanimous decision that it would be held November 30 at 0730 hrs. Comm. McConnell requested the FD be prepared to give facts with municipal codes, insurance info and other information to bring out the pros and cons of this subject.

Meeting adjourned at 00912 hrs.