

Waterbury Village Trustees
Special Meeting ~ February 7, 2013
Minutes

Present: P. H. Flanders, President; N. Howell, L. Sayah, Trustees; J. Feccia, Chief of Police; W. Shepeluk, Municipal Manager.

P.H. Flanders called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

There was a general discussion about the police department's 2007 Expedition that serves as one of the department's cruisers. Chief Feccia reported it broke down last week as the transmission failed. The vehicle has been towed to the parking lot at the municipal building. The Chief reported that Bob's Sunoco could install a new transmission into the car for about \$3,800 and a used one could be installed for about \$2,800. Feccia suggested these prices may be high and he recommended waiting until Waterbury Service Center could provide an estimate. L. Sayah agreed and recommended waiting. He also suggested that the vehicle should be sold, preferably at state auction, once repaired. There was consensus agreement by all to these suggestions.

The discussion turned to the purchase of a new vehicle as the Trustees agreed the Expedition needs to be replaced. Chief Feccia presented quotes for a new Ford Explorer from Lamoille Valley Ford in Hardwick (\$26,265) and the Shearer Dealership in S. Burlington (\$26,042). Both of those vehicles would have to be ordered and delivery could take a month or more. Once possession of the vehicle was taken, it would have to be sent to one or more vendors to outfit and equip the vehicle for use as a cruiser. The Chief expected the outfitting to cost in excess of \$10,000 and to take up to six weeks to complete. Chief Feccia also presented a price for a Ford Explorer that was fully equipped and outfitted that included an extended warranty (5 years, 100K on the power train) in addition to the normal factory "bumper to bumper" warranty of 3 years or 36,000 miles. The quote from MHQ of Marlborough, MA is \$35,875. Feccia stated that the vehicle could be ready for delivery to the Village in about 6 weeks.

L. Sayah moved to purchase the equipped Ford Explorer (color: white) from MHQ for \$35,875. N. Howell seconded the motion. After discussion, the Trustees agreed that buying the vehicle fully equipped from the dealer made sense rather than having to deal with multiple vendors for installation of electronics, lights, equipment racks etc... The three Trustees all voted in favor of the motion.

Chief Feccia recommended the purchase of a new in-cruiser camera/recording system for installation into the new vehicle. There was a bit of discussion about the need for the camera, but after Feccia explained its purpose all agreed it was necessary equipment. N. Howell made a motion to purchase the equipment as described for \$3,695 and to ship it to MHQ for installation into the new vehicle. L. Sayah seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

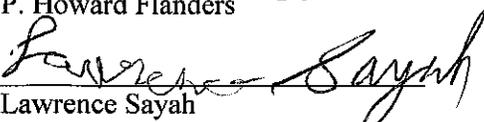
The Trustees considered requests from community organizations and churches for the use of Rusty Parker Memorial Park for concerts, festivals and other events for spring through fall of 2013. L. Sayah made a motion to approve all the events as requested, but stipulated that the June 7th event of storytelling would not be allowed to include music. N. Howell seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

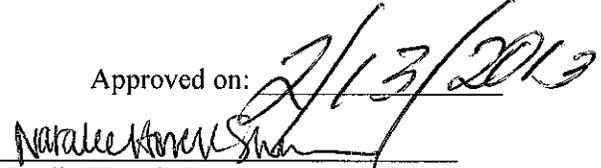
Respectfully submitted,

William Shepeluk, Municipal Manager


P. Howard Flanders


Lawrence Sayah

Approved on:


Natalie Howell-Sherman