Capital Improvements Committee Minutes
Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm
Bellingham Municipal Center – Arcand Meeting Room
Public Attendance through Zoom Video Conference

1. Capital Improvements Committee Present: R. Lavallee, K. Grant, J. Collamati

2. Capital Improvements Committee Absent: All Members Present

3. R. Lavallee called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

4. J. Collamati made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2020 Capital Improvements Committee Meeting. Seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 3/0.

5. Chief Daigle and Lieutenant Russell from the Police Department were present to discuss FY21 Capital Requests.

The Police Department is requesting a new patrol vehicle to replace a 2016 Ford Explorer. The Explorer will be remade into an Auxiliary Police vehicle that will replace a 2011 Ford Explorer.

The Police Department is requesting a new patrol Sergeant vehicle to replace a 2017 Ford Explorer. The Explorer will be remade into a K-9 vehicle and will replace a 2011 Crown Victoria.

Both of the 2011 vehicles being taken out of service will be turned over to the Town.

Lieutenant Russell told Committee members that they are also submitting a 2-Year Capital Plan for the Police and Fire Departments to replace repeaters and receivers at all radio tower locations. The outdated/non-supported Police and Fire Department radio repeaters at the Forge Hill and South Main Street locations and radio receivers at Chestnut Street would be replaced. This request also includes the software upgrades at the Communications Center. The current Quantar equipment had an end of life date of October 2017, but Motorola extended this until December 2020.

K. Grant made a motion to recommend 2 new Police Cars and 2 remakes in the amount of $127,035 and the Communication Repeater System in the amount of $51,770. Seconded by J. Collamati. Recommended 3/0.

6. Chief Gentile and Deputy Milot from the Fire Department were present to discuss FY21 Capital Requests.

The Fire Department is requesting a new generator for Headquarters. The current generator is 30 years old and does not cover the computers when there is a loss of power. The drug boxes run off the computer system so they are down when computers lose power. The new generator will handle the radio system and opening of the bay doors as well.

J. Collamati made a motion to recommend replacement of the generator at Headquarters in the amount of $43,225. Seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 3/0.
Chief Gentile explained the need for a new ambulance request. Rescue 3 is a 2008 International and the oldest in the Fleet. It currently serves as the backup rescue when one of the two front line rescues go out for service or repair. The plan is to purchase a new rescue for Rescue 3 and then Rescue 2 which is a 2014 front-line ambulance would become the scheduled replacement. The Fire Department will also have to update and upgrade the “Life Pak 15’s” as well as purchase a new “Life Pak 15” and a CPR Lucas machine for Engine 2, per State protocol. J. Collamati made a motion to recommend $362,881 for the replacement of Rescue 3 and equipment upgrades as specified by the Chief. Seconded by K. Grant. Recommended 3/0.

The Fire Department is requesting fire hoses and nozzles that are needed to hook into the stand-pipes in the big box buildings as well as the new 40 B projects in Town. The current hoses and nozzles would not be long enough to get to some areas in these new buildings and developments.
K. Grant a made a motion to recommend the purchase of fire hoses and nozzles in the amount of $24,704. Seconded by J. Collamati. Recommended 3/0.

Chief Gentile gave a brief description of the Zetron Alerting System request. The proposal is for a new Zetron IP based fire dispatch alerting system. A server will be installed in police dispatch and will include two dispatch operator positions with capability to dispatch both fire stations. The request will be re-introduced in May 2021. No action taken by the Capital Improvements Committee at this time.

J. Collamati made a motion to adjourn at 6:23 pm. K. Grant seconded. Recommended 3/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

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