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NEWTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DATE: FRIDAY, April 12, 2019

TIME: 5:30PM

LOCATION: NEWTON TOWN HALL, 2 TOWN HALL ROAD

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chairman Gonyer called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. In attendance were Selectmen, Lisa L. Gonyer Chairman, James L. Doggett, Vice-Chairman, Lawrence B. Foote, Kate Michaels and Diane M. Morin, Selectmen's Secretary. The public meeting was audio taped; the public meeting minutes were transcribed and typed by Diane M. Morin. Selectman Matthew A. Burrill and Town Administrator Nancy J. Wrigley were excused this evening.

II. Scheduled Business

A. Fire Department -- Engine 2 repairs

Chairman Gonyer reviewed the revised quotes for Engine 2 repairs. At the Board's meeting held on April 2, 2019 the Board approved the expenditure of \$11,000.00 for the cost to repair Engine 2. Chairman Gonyer and Secretary Morin reviewed the quote and emails provided by Greenwood Emergency Vehicles and determined that there was an additional cost of repairs that were done that had not been included in the revised quote. That cost amounted to \$2,334.34. The total repair cost for Engine 2 from the revised quote is \$12,694.52. That leaves \$1,694.52 that will still need to be paid out.

Chairman Gonyer reviewed the latest repair quote received from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles. The cost to repair the pump is \$1,890.00. The problem was found when the pump was tested. The pump will not pump any water and needs overhauling.

Selectman Doggett moved to authorize the Fire Department to move forward with the repairs of Engine 2 at a cost of \$3,584.52. The funds to come from the Fire Department 2019 budget. Seconded by Selectman Foote for discussion.

Selectman Foote stated his concern that the Fire Chief was not present at the meeting to answer any questions the Board may have had.

Selectman Michaels asked if the \$2,334.34 was included in the revised quote, what would happen to the unused funds the Board approved. Chairman Gonyer stated that any department, board, commission or committee cannot expend more than what was

approved. If the invoice/bill is less than approved they are not allowed to spend it on other items.

The total cost to repair Engine 2 is \$14,584.52. Of that \$11,000 is to come from the Capital Reserve Fund Fire Apparatus and Fire Equipment /Refurbish and \$3,584.52 to come from the Fire Department 2019 budget.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

III. Adjourn

Selectman Doggett moved to adjourn at 5:43pm. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Morin
Board of Selectmen Secretary