

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Capital Planning

Agenda

7:30 PM	Call to Order
	Minutes of Previous Meetings
7:35 PM	Fire & Rescue Department – FY25 Capital Requests and
8:00 PM	Police Department – FY25 Capital Requests and Five Year
	Other Business
	Adjourn

Attendance:

S.Jelinek, E. DeLuca, M. Reed, B. Patuto, D. Arsenault, J. Toole
Chief M. Sallèse, Chief JP Benoit, D. Dembkoski

Minutes

Time: 7:30pm

Question about the estimate of the number of miles per year for the Building Dept, inspector's car. The minutes are changed with the milage modified from 5000 to 5500.

Feb 29 2024 minutes

Motion to approve Patuto as amended - 2nd Toole
Passed unanimous

Fire & Rescue Department

7:32pm

FY25

Refurbish Engine 12	\$50,000
Replace Engine 15	\$990,000
	\$1,040,000

Handout - Replacement is a combined engine pumper/tanker - 2yr delivery time.

Current engine needs repair work and should last 2yrs.

Using the current approach, we will replace an 1000gal pumper with a 3000gal pumper, same water delivery. 1500GPM pump, larger than the current.

Refurbishment - see **handout**. Engine 12 will be replaced in FY30.
Timeframe for the repairs 1month in July 2024.

Question from Building Department Capital Request: Bunk room escape window - the cost of material in high. There have been no employee complaints.

Garage doors - controls can't be replaced except by manufacturer, generator is working. There is no manual method of opening the doors.

FY26

Replace Forestry 18	\$200,000
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Low milage on the engine. The age of cab and chassis result in issues. We may just replace the cab and chassis, the cost would then drop to \$80K.

FY27

Replace Car 20	\$60,000
Replace Forestry 19	\$80,000

Place holder, car 20has 65K miles, Forestry 19 is in daily use. It is possible that these move out.

FY28

Scott Air Pack Bottles	\$65,000
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Scheduled replacement for the bottles. The lifetime is 15years. All will be replaced. There are 50 bottles.

Fulltime 6 employees
On-call 24 employees

Thoughts on greenhouse gas reduction plan. There is work being done, battery operated truck with fuel pumps. There are EV ambulances. The usage for ambulances is 30Mi round trip, with a maximum of 8 calls per day. Will look into an EV truck for Forestry, and and EV car for the Car 20, used about 30mi per day. We have a no idle policy.

Is there historical information on the number of calls and town growth? Yes there are statistics from year to year. Based on these we expect 60-70 additional calls per year when Stow Acres is built out. The staffing is sufficient at present. Daytime staffing is more of an issue as the call people are working out of town post pandemic.

Police Department

- FY25

Body Worn Cameras	\$55,000
Dispatch Console and Desk	\$20,000
New Cruiser	\$81,000
	\$156,000

Pickup update EV has arrived.

Charging station is in place. Will be plugged in when parked. First of its kind for the town.

Body worn cameras - 3year ago had a grant for \$40K to cover the cost. The grant required the town to come to an agreement with the union about the usage. We lost the money as no agreement was made in time. There was a 2nd grant opportunity, but as the requirement was for the union agreement to be in place we could not apply. There are now matching funds from US Govt. We can't use ARPA funds to cover our costs for this. The union agreement is almost in place.

From the department point of view, the cameras are valuable. Decrease in liability, the use of force and deescalation. Studies show that cameras are supporting the officers in court.

Looked at different companies. A significant issue is that some camera data becomes evidence and needs to be stored securely over a long period of time. In addition the raw data must also be kept.

We like the Axion proposal: Stow owns the video, they are stored on Axion servers. There are policies on what is recorded and what is not recorded. There is \$27,500 in grant and \$55,000 covers the remaining cost.

There are examples of the camera used by the Chief being helpful in reducing disagreements with people over citations.

Dispatch Console and Desk - It is 17years old. We have \$31K in a grant, plus an additional \$20K being requested. Current quotes are about \$40K. The grant can be used for dispatch salaries of equipment. We need to have a redundant system in case of large emergencies.

New Cruiser - MHQ is gone, a few options: there 2023 ICE available July 1 - \$64K + radio+computer mount; could order a 2024 \$66K ICE. Note that there are no 2024 hybrids available. If we order a 2025 hybrid the dealer says that there is only a 20% chance that the vehicle will be available.

The vehicles are well maintained by highway department.

It would be useful to have solar panels on the station. Current policy is to shutdown the computers, and reduce the lighting. There is a plan to change to led lights. The station has a heat pump for heating/cooling.

Lockers need replacing - there is ARPA money available.

FY26

Police Vehicle	\$81,000
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FY27

Police Vehicle	\$82,000
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FY28

Police Vehicle	\$82,000
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FY29

Police Vehicle	\$83,000
Station Camera	\$20,000
Entrance Display Sign	\$25,000

Station camera - Cameras were put in, they are analog. Conversion to DVR takes hours to download.

Grants \$280K this year.

Toilets three need to meet requirements, flush from outside. Current ones two bowls split, have been patched and returned, but uncertain how long it will last. Contingency is expensive.

Keyless entry - trying to get accredited and tracking who goes into the evidence room electronic tracking.

A grant for evidence room cameras.

Pine Bluff Well

Town Admin. ARPA funding is available but it can't be used until the project is authorized (and authorization must happen before the Dec 2023). No quote for the filtration system, and contingency. An updated quote will happen.

Adjourn

9:10PM

Motion to adjourn Toole ; 2nd by Reed

Passed unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed DeLuca, Clerk