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VEHICLE USE REVIEW BOARD MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 JAMES J. ROWLEY, CHAIRMAN

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Trombley, Mr. Wixson, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Morgan, Ms. Primo

ALSO PRESENT: Chairman Knapp, Mrs. Tassone, Mrs. Abbott-Kenan, Dr. Chase, Mr. Holmquist, Mr. Bush, Mr. Jordan; see attached list

Chairman Rowley called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. (2020 Requested Vehicles Binder on file with Clerk)

Chairman Rowley stated that even though the committee may approve vehicles this morning, Legislators reserve the right to reduce funds for allocated vehicles. Also, Mrs. Lesniak may have additional questions to follow up on. Chairman Rowley asked Mr. Morgan if any of the vehicles will be funded through debt, or if is it all cash, and Mr. Morgan answered all cash.

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES: James Czarniak, Deputy Commissioner, Child Welfare

Children & Family Services #1 New Vehicle

- Children & Family Services is requesting 1 new vehicle for their fleet.
- The requested vehicle is a 12 passenger van which will be utilized for youth transport

- Van part of opening group home; requirements for driving kids to appointments, social work, recreational activities, educational work opportunities and visitation with home and families going through core process
- 1 vehicle – perfect size for 10-12 residents in group home; driven by certified staff
- The department has 1 other van for Hillbrook (not sure when bought or upgraded); all other workers use personal vehicles
- Group home regulations require taking kids to medical appointments and other activities

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY: Barry Weiss, Administrative Officer; Steve Young,

District Attorney #1
2008 Chevrolet Impala
#2120



District Attorney #2
2009 Chevrolet Impala
#2155



- Originally asked for 3 vehicles; down to 2; both under 30,000 miles; only travel from here to Forensic Science Center

A motion was made by Mr. Trombley, seconded by Mr. Morgan, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT: Marty Voss, Commissioner; Jim Griffin, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor; Thomas Gottstein, Senior Management Analyst

Department of Transportation #1
2001 International #84



Department of Transportation #2
2001 International #43



Department of Transportation #3
2001 International #89



Department of Transportation #4
2001 International #65



Department of Transportation #5
2001 International #182



Department of Transportation #6
2001 International #173



Department of Transportation #7
2002 International #123



Department of Transportation #8
2002 International #124



Department of Transportation #9
2002 International #136



Department of Transportation #10
2002 International #144



Mr. Voss stated they are looking for 10 new plow trucks as proposed in the Executive's budget. Chairman Rowley said he has no questions, as they look like something they can really use.

Mr. Voss:

- Still have a ways to go with repairing and replacing plow trucks; keep on road as long as can
- At critical juncture, where they need to invest in infrastructure; trucks take a beating in the winter, but excellent maintenance; even so, there are certain assets that go beyond a useful life cycle; spending more to repair than replace
- Last year acquired 4 AWD and 6 RWD trucks; AWD good for southern portion of county with hills (along Rt. 20)
- AWD costs more, but need to have; try to use appropriate vehicles for flat lands in northern county
- Maximize budget to get the right tool for job; if they can use a single wing RWD, then they will

Mr. Jordan asked if the beds of the new trucks will be stainless steel and last longer. Mr. Voss responded that they will be stainless steel, but there is no metal that can endure these winters and the quantity of salt on the roads. The boxes and exterior are apparent to the naked eye, but what's worse is what happens underneath and inside the vehicles over time.

Mr. Ryan asked what the normal mileage is on the plow trucks. Mr. Voss explained that it is a combination of mileage and years. When the trucks get to 100,000 miles, it is a lot more wear and tear than the average SUV. Mr. Voss would like to be able to transition the trucks at the end of their life cycle. The Executive's budget proposed will go a long way towards getting there. Last year was six and four, and this year is nine and one. This will help get the fleet where it needs to be and will reduce the annual request.

Chairman Rowley asked if the vehicles approved last year were purchased, and Mr. Voss said yes; but they are not built until ordered. Mr. Voss said they are just now getting ready for delivery, and once delivered, the plows have to be outfitted for County use (i.e. radios installed).

Mr. Rowley asked for a motion on all ten plows.

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Wixson, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Michelle Mignano, Deputy Commissioner

Health Department #1 1995 Chevrolet Pickup Truck #2746

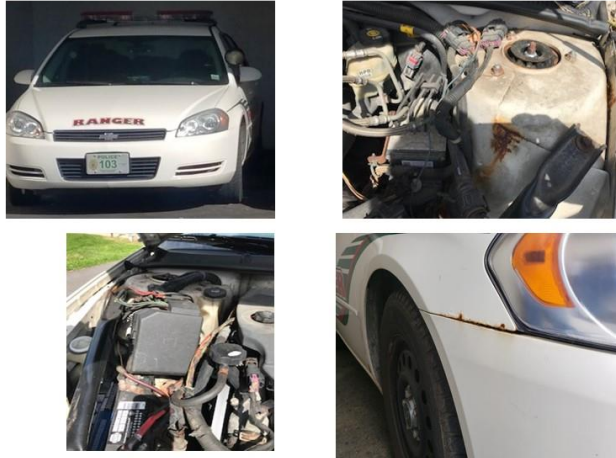


- Request for 1 vehicle for Environmental Health; replacing 1992 Chevy 4X4 pickup - old with lots of miles
- Would like a Chevy Equinox 4x4; principally used for Cicero Swamp; want 4X4 to get to swamp and where traps are
- This vehicle is to fit needs, which also includes transporting seasonal aids into field; will not be used for spraying

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Morgan, to approve this item. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Bill Lansley, Commissioner

Parks and Recreation #1 2007 Chevrolet Impala #7677



- #1 – Police SUV 4WD, replacing 2007 Impala with 75,000 miles; mechanical issues turning up; 2 Impalas removed from service in the last 2 years; this one had engine replacement and \$10,000 in repairs
- Parks does transports if no one else is available; put rack and security in every vehicle, so they are available for transport
- Vehicles are not designated to parks; can be at Highland Forest or Longbranch Park, so there is a necessity to go off road at times; need 4WD
- SUVs can also carry more than sedan for emergency equipment – i.e. road flares, trauma kits, road cones, etc.
- Engines get abuse from idling and going to high speeds; 70,000 miles a lot for these types of vehicles
- Total number of police vehicles is 5 in-house; 1 on order Jan 1st that has not come in; backlog with Ford Explorer SUVs; typical fleet would be between 7 and 8 vehicles for the 23 rangers
- Parks has zero take home vehicles

A motion was made by Mr. Wixson, seconded by Ms. Primo, to approve vehicle #1. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Parks and Recreation #2 2006 Jacobsen HR5111 Mower #6001



Parks and Recreation #3 2006 Jacobsen HR5111 Mower # 6002



- #2 and #3 – Lawnmowers; disaster in park where Jacobson mower caught on fire; mower was next to restroom with staff on vehicle and patrons in restroom; fire went up fast; employee had just enough time to get people out of restroom
- Looking for two vehicles - burned up vehicle was \$63,000 new, and now would cost \$90,000
- Asking for 2 smaller Exmark mowers to do the job of the one; can use 2 staff to cover; not all burden is on one mower
- Workhorse for Onondaga Lake Park (OLP); rented a mower to make up difference and keep on track with mowing schedule; one mower was retired and unrepairable (used for parts); getting rid of 2 for 2

A motion was made by Mr. Wixson, seconded by Ms. Primo, to approve vehicles #2 and #3. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

**Parks and Recreation #4
2006 Ford F-250 XL #7671**



- #4 – Ford F250XL; 13 yr. old vehicle with rotted bed, wobbly front end and electrical issues; 88,430 miles and invested \$18,400 in last 3 years to keep vehicle in operation
- Looking for a Ford F250 crew cab; holds more people and equipment; primarily for Highland Forest

A motion was made by Mr. Trombley, seconded by Ms. Primo, to approve vehicle #4. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

**Parks and Recreation #5
2002 Ford F-350 #7439**



- #5 – ¾ ton 4x4 diesel; based in OLP; used also for Stadium and Hopkins Rd.
- Current vehicle rusty from salting and plowing; invested \$8,395 in vehicle; 49,000 miles, but salting and plowing; does not last long with extremes; looking to replace with new ¾ ton
- Similar design with this style bed; looked at several companies that can rehab beds; typically mechanical issues and undercarriage cannot be saved; can maintain the bed from now on; it is a dump bed, not stationary

A motion was made by Mr. Trombley, seconded by Ms. Primo, to approve vehicle #5. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Parks and Recreation #6
2008 Ford F-350 XL #7683



- #6 – Ford F350 XLT - 11 year old vehicle; does all the same work with plowing and equipment movement
- Looking to replace with Ford F250; 52,000 miles on current vehicle, and invested \$16,950 in 3 years to keep on road

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Trombley, to approve vehicle #6. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Parks and Recreation #7
1983 John Deere 850 Tractor #6069



- #7 – John Deere 3025D Utility Tractor - \$15,661; replacing 1983 John Deere tractor - well-built, but parts hard to find
- Need more reliability and compact tractor; used on trails of Beaver Lake; dump loads of chips, etc; ~5 miles of trail doing on annual basis; 1983 had \$2,500 in repairs over last 3 years

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve vehicle #7. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Parks and Recreation #8

2003 John Deere Gator #6996



- #8 – John Deere Pro Gator gas vehicle; beefier Gator for Zoo property; replacing 2003 Gator; spent \$1,100 to keep running; 4300 hours on it; moves heavy stuff on regular basis
- Higher model diesel with heavier capacity - transporting elephant waste, so need to upgrade to keep things moving

Mr. Ryan stated that this 2003's overall condition is fair, and asked why they cannot get more out of it. Mr. Lansley responded that they have to return a vehicle to get a vehicle for VURB. Currently this is undersized for the weight being put in it, so they need a beefier vehicle. This vehicle could probably be used at a lesser capacity at another park, but not for the Zoo program. Gators usually do not last this long, and the expenses will go up as they go forward. Mr. Ryan asked if there are other gators at other parks, and Mr. Lansley replied that there are no Gators of this scale.

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Morgan, to approve vehicle #8. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Parks and Recreation #9

2011 Chevrolet Caprice #7707



- #9 – Police vehicle; 2011 Caprice; looking for second SUV; under 90,000 miles; spent \$21,855 in last 3 yrs keeping vehicle in service; light bar went out in last 2 weeks and replaced; vehicle went in for oil change; in 2011 bought 2, and sister vehicle was retired earlier this year; both have had a lot of problems
- Intent to get SUVs; sedans are not exclusive for road patrol like Sheriff; lot of time out in parks and all terrain; versatility a higher necessity, then getting stuck at a park

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Wixson, to approve vehicle #9. Ayes: 5 Noes: 1 (Ryan); MOTION CARRIED.

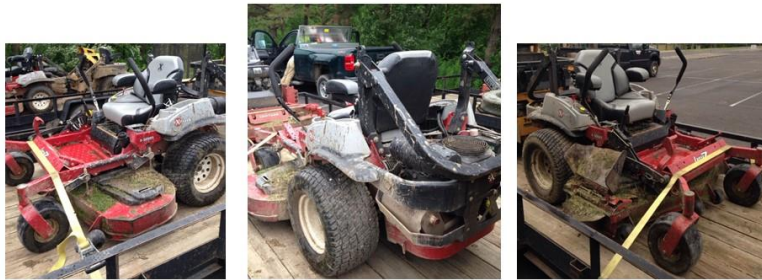
Parks and Recreation #10
2008 Ford F-150 Pickup #7685



- #10 – F250 crew cab; replacing 2008 F150; 59,000 miles; \$3,800 spent on repairs; for people and equipment; not salt

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Wixson, to approve vehicle #10. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Parks and Recreation #11
2011 Exmark Mower #7700



- #11 – Exmark zero turn lawnmower; second oldest in fleet; various issues; spent \$3,000 over last 3 years; 1,000 hours

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Trombley, to approve vehicle #11. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Parks and Recreation #12
2006 Ford F-250 XL #7667



- #12 – Ford F250 XLT – replacing 2006 with 74,000 miles; spent ~\$16,000 in last 3 years repairing; primarily in Jamesville Beach, also can back up southern district to Jordan level; replacement vehicle

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Wixson, to approve vehicle #12. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Parks and Recreation #13

2002 Ford F-350 #7438



- #13 – F350 XLT: replacing 16 year old vehicle with mechanical issues; \$3,600 in last 3 years repairing; rusting issues
- Replacement with diesel vehicle to get more power; used for multi park operations including towing trailers to move mowers to other parks (except OLP that houses their own)

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Wixson, to approve vehicle #13. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Parks and Recreation #14

2003 John Deere Gator #6994



- #14 – John Deere TS Gator; smaller model; replacing 2003 with 3,372 hours; less than \$900 in repairs; for Zoo; have dependency for Gators for moving materials and equipment; replace due to age and hours

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Trombley, to approve vehicle #14. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Ryan asked if vehicle #11 is a Kawasaki, and Mr. Lansley replied Kawasaki is the engine. Exmark is a Toro company out of Wisconsin. The mowers are made in America under the company name Toro.

SHERIFF: Jerami Christian, Fleet Manager; Chief Kenneth Andrews

Sheriff's Office #1
2012 Chevrolet Caprice #3187



Sheriff's Office #2
2010 Ford Crown Victoria #3149



Sheriff's Office #3
2010 Ford Crown Victoria #3130



Sheriff's Office #4
2010 Chevrolet Tahoe #3126



Sheriff's Office #5
2011 Ford Crown Victoria #3171



Sheriff's Office #6
2008 Ford Crown Victoria #3020



Sheriff's Office #7
2008 Ford Crown Victoria #3024



Sheriff's Office #8
2008 Ford Crown Victoria #3033



Sheriff's Office #9
2009 Ford Crown Victoria #3112



Sheriff's Office #10
2010 Ford Crown Victoria #3136



Mr. Christian:

- Requesting 10 identical vehicles to replace vehicles with high mileage, rough body conditions, undercarriage rusting and suspension issues

Chairman Rowley asked how many vehicles were acquired this year with the budget and VURB process. Mr. Christian answered that he does not recall last year, but this year is 23.

Mr. Ryan stated he requested information a week ago regarding take home vehicles. Chairman Rowley said that the information will be provided shortly by Management and Budget.

Mr. Christian said the majority of the vehicles are 2011 Crown Vics that will not pass inspection, because the check engine lights are on.

Chairman Rowley asked for a motion on all ten vehicles.

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Wixson, to approve this item. Ayes: 5 Abstentions: 1 (Ryan); MOTION CARRIED.

WATER ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION: Frank Mento, Commissioner; Andy Ohstrom, Administrative Director; Timothy Burgess, Fleet Maintenance Supervisor

Mr. Mento:

- Requesting 6 vehicles - 2 pickup, 2 Aquatechs and 2 tankers
- Pickups are aged out in mileage and condition; Aquatechs and tankers are aged out by condition rather than mileage, because they sit on projects; have cracked frames, corroded bodies and overworked engines

Mr. Ohstrom:

- 4 vehicles are tankers and Aquatechs, which are the backbone of industry; tankers bring stuff to plants; Aquatechs keep over 2,000 miles of pipelines open

Water Environment Protraction # 1 2007 Volvo VHD64F #1769



- #1 - Tanker; 2007 Volvo with 261,000 miles; frame cracked and engine shot
- 8 Aquatechs and 9 tankers in the fleet; bought 1 tanker this year; received \$600,000 last year, which was a reduction

Chairman Rowley asked Mrs. Lesniak if that is a typical number for WEP, and Mrs. Lesniak responded yes; sometimes it is a little higher or lower.

Mr. Ohstrom responded to Mr. Ryan that there are several platforms for the cab and chassis including International. The aluminum tank is what is special to the department, because it lasts longer and has special pumps attached for loading and unloading. Mr. Ryan stated that he did not know if there was an option for an International versus a Volvo, that is a foreign vehicle. Mr. Ohstrom said they look at whatever is available on the state bid. Mr. Ryan asked if there is a choice, and Mr. Ohstrom explained they use the state bid and select a vehicle from that.

A motion was made by Mr. Wixson, seconded by Mr. Morgan, to approve vehicle #1. Ayes: 5 Noes: 1 (Ryan); MOTION CARRIED.

Water Environment Protection #2

2003 International #1712



- #2 – 2003 Aquatech that's been out of service because of a cracked debris tank; used for parts; 27,000 miles; vehicle used at different locations and runs

Mr. Jordan asked if they can replace the debris tank, and Mr. Ohstrom answered that the tank would be a substantial cost. It would outweigh purchasing a new vehicle. Mr. Jordan said a new vehicle is over \$300,000. Mr. Ohstrom stated the tank cost would exceed \$100,000. It is the main vessel of the tank, and that is assuming they would be able to find a match. Dump bodies can be swapped, but these components are built in.

A motion was made by Mr. Trombley, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve vehicle #2. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Water Environment Protection # 3

2007 Volvo #1766



- #3 – Tanker; 2007 Volvo; 300,000 miles – aged out with mileage and repairs
- International makes chassis; same vehicle

A motion was made by Mr. Wixson, seconded by Mr. Trombley, to approve vehicle #3. Ayes: 5 Noes: 1 (Ryan); MOTION CARRIED.

Water Environment Protection # 4 2001 Sterling #1660



- #4 - 2001 Sterling; same explanation with age, condition, parts availability and repair costs
- Sterling is made in America – International product

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Ryan, to approve vehicle #4. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Water Environment Protection # 5 2009 Ford F-250 #1822



- #5 – 2009 F250 with 182,000 miles; severe engine problems

Chairman Rowley asked how many pickups are in their fleet, and Mr. Ohstrom replied that there are 150 total vehicles with 75-80 being pickups. Chairman Rowley said they are only requesting two this year. Mr. Ohstrom explained that they need pickups, light duty trucks and vans, but the priorities are the big ticket items. Plus the lead time for the tankers and Aquatechs is very long.

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Wixson, to approve vehicle #5. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Water Environment Protection # 6
2013 Ford F-150 #1876



- #6 – 2013 Pickup; 191,000 miles; suffering engine issues

A motion was made by Ms. Primo, seconded by Mr. Trombley, to approve vehicle #6. Passed unanimously; MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Rowley stated this part of the budget is completed, and reminded everyone that the Legislature reserves the right to take another look at these dollars.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMIE M. MCNAMARA, Assistant Clerk
 Onondaga County Legislature

ATTENDANCE

COMMITTEE: VEHICLE USE REVIEW BOARD

DATE: September 16, 2019

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