

**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING FOR WATERFORD  
APPROVED/OFFICIAL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2012 5:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL**

Special Town Board meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairman Langmesser. Present: Supervisors Gauerke, Szeklinski, Jeschke, Hincz and members of the Tichigan Volunteer Fire Dept.

- Supervisor Jeschke indicated that the current tanker is a safety hazard to those driving it as well as those on the road that could be in its way. Jeschke also indicated that after evaluating the funds that were coming in for the fire truck per the tax roll, it looked like an opportunity to possibility help out of the fire company to use some of that money and diverting it towards another piece of equipment and allowing the town to take out the loan at a lessor rate to purchase this tanker truck. When the loan was originally set up, the town only wanted to do five years but the town motioned to go with bcpl (Board of Commissioners of Public Lands) and since Citizens Bank matched the interest rate, the board chose to stay locally and a new motion was never made and a ten year was set up and should have been five year and therefore the extra money should not have been in the account. Dave Wagner gave background on the status of the current tanker, 23 years old, rusted frame, transmission problems, etc. and that the truck should no longer be in service. Wagner indicated the price of the new tanker would be approximately \$225,000.00. Supervisor Szeklinski questioned the department if they were able to put any money down on a new tanker? Wagner indicated that they could but they do need a “slush” fund for unexpected circumstances and would later ask to replace the money used. Szeklinski noted that the board told the tax payers we were going to buy one truck and now in the same year looking to buy another truck. Szeklinski would hope to re-finance both current truck and new tanker hopefully get 2.7% or 2.9% and it would be for five years. Supervisor Hincz questioned if the board could review the fire dept. financial statement? Langmesser explained that the fire dept. is a private corporation and we contract with the fire dept. Langmesser stated that he believes in making sure departments have the equipment they need. Wagner indicated that they could probably get the price a bit less and is a 2013. Discussion ensued in regards to loan amounts and interest rates.
- Supervisor Hincz questioned if there is a fire and they didn’t have this new tanker there would be mutual aid. Hincz was reviewing the study of the equipment that was done and noted that by the time the new tanker and truck were paid off that a rescue squad would need to be replaced in 2017, the other tanker 2015 and ambulance at 2016. Wagner stated that the newest tanker they have 2001 (replace 2021), oldest engine is 15 years old. They want to keep money aside to replace ambulances and not have to ask the town. Supervisor Hincz expressed his concern that once these items are paid off is there anything prior to that that needs to be replaces. Wagner indicated no and has no plans to approach the town, barring extreme circumstances. They hope to have money aside, just that this was unexpected.
- Supervisor Gauerke stated that he doesn’t understand why this is just now coming to light and not when they submitted their budget requests. Wagner again stated that this was brought up in the equipment study. Supervisor Hincz referenced a letter from US Tanker dated September 25, 2012 and that this was the first time he was seeing it.
- Supervisor Szeklinski stated that Attorney Dubis will need to review the contract.
- Supervisor Szeklinski motioned to proceed with the purchase of a new tanker not to exceed \$225,000 contingent on the financing being set up with the current loan and now the new loan not to exceed five years using the fire protection account money and being combined into one loan unless there is a penalty, and that Attorney Dubis would need to approve the contract, seconded by Supervisor Jeschke. Langmesser stated that he hopes it comes in under \$225,000 and that the fire dept. could help with some down payment. Gauerke indicated that he would have liked to see in the motion that the fire dept. said they would not need anything further. Szeklinski stated he had to disagree in the event something comes up. Vote taken. All in favor. Motion carried. The board complemented the fire dept. for all their hard work and dedication.
- Supervisor Jeschke motioned to adjourn at 5:40 pm, seconded by Supervisor Szeklinski. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Mayer, Town Clerk (via tape)