

**CITY OF RUTLAND VERMONT
BOARD OF FINANCE
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023**

Present: Mayor Doenges, President Talbott, PA Magro, Chief Kilcullen, and Ryan Brady. Treasurer Markowski was absent.

Mayor Doenges called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

ADDITIONS & DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Manager Brady requested two items be added to the agenda:

- Professional Services Contract
- Purchase of Police Vehicles

Mayor Doenges made a motion to add both items. Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Mayor Doenges made a motion to approve the minutes from 6//26/23. Motion passed.

Chief Kilcullen made a request for the Board to approve a contract with Lori Gurney, Clinical Psychologist, for clinical services for members of the police department. Chief Kilcullen stated the department has used her services sporadically over the last few years with limited success. However, given the events that have occurred in the last week, and a greater emphasis on wellness, feels the time is now and critical to have this in place. The contract is based on 365.5 hours for the year at a cost of \$43,860.00.

Mayor Doenges made a two-part motion to first, add Lori Gurney to the Sole Source Vendor list for professional services and secondly, to approve a contract for 365.5 hours in the amount of \$43,860.00 to be paid in quarterly payments of \$10,965.00. Motion passed.

Manager Brady informed the Board, two police patrol vehicles were destroyed in the fatal accident that occurred on July 7, 2023. Manager Brady stated he is requesting these vehicles be replaced as soon as possible and he has spoken to our current vendor who can move up the cars in production and have them delivered in as soon as two to four weeks. Manager Brady detailed the lease payments thus far on the two vehicles. Manager Brady stated the investigation is on-going and an insurance claim has yet to be filed, however, he is in need of replacing these vehicles asap. Manager Brady stated at a previous Board of Finance, the approval of the purchase of Two Tahoe's was also given and those vehicles could be delivered by the end of the month, however, financing had yet to be determined. Manager Brady asked how to move forward with the purchase of four new vehicles.

Mayor Doenges, President Talbott and Manager Brady discussed at length in detail the funding sources for the vehicles, i.e. remaining ARPA funds, Equipment Replacement Fund, insurance reimbursement payments etc.

Mayor Doenges and President Talbott both felt that Treasurer Markowski's input was necessary to make an informed decision.

Mayor Doenges decided to continue the conversation when Treasurer Markowski could be present.

Mayor Doenges made a motion to adjourn to a time certain, Tuesday, July 11, at 9:00am following the RRA meeting in order to have Treasurer Markowski present for the discussion of funding the purchase of police vehicles.

Meeting reconvened at 9:23 am Tuesday, July 11, 2023. Treasurer Markowski and Charles Whitehead joined the meeting.

Mayor Doenges stated the discussion would continue regarding replacing police vehicles.

Manager Brady gave an overview of the need for patrol vehicles given the fact that two had been destroyed in an accident. Manager Brady again detailed the payment schedule for the two leased vehicles, and gave an update on two previously approved Chevrolet Tahoe's by the Board of Finance, but had yet to determine financing.

All Board members were in agreement that the vehicles needed to be replaced asap and the discussion continued as to how to pay for them. Manager Brady stated the police department was given a \$200,000.00 allocation for HVAC repairs and only \$70,000.00 had been expensed. Manager Brady stated the report did not show any other major expenses needed at this time and the remaining funds could go towards vehicles.

Treasurer Markowski stated she would support Mayor Doenges authorizing the emergency purchase of two patrol police vehicles for replacement using remaining ARPA funds from the HVAC project as long as the Full Board of Alderman would reallocate remaining funds. President Talbott stated he has spoken to many members of the Board that fully support funding for the purchase of vehicles.

Discussion continued regarding the amount to be paid from insurance, however, Manager Brady stated the investigation is on-going and no claims have been made as of yet. Manager Brady stated the Vermont State Police have verified the person involved in the accident is covered under Geico Insurance. Manager Brady stated he has contacted VLCT to let them know of the destroyed vehicles and will contact the leasing company to ask what happens next.

Mayor Doenges made a motion to approve purchasing two fully equipped police vehicles using his emergency order authority to be paid from the \$130,000.00 remaining ARPA funds from the HVAC project and asked President Talbott to request the Board of Alderman reallocate remaining funds to be used for this purchase. Motion passed.

Mayor Doenges made a motion to have Treasurer Markowski seek out a lease option for payment of the two Chevrolet Tahoes, previously approved by BOF. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:43am.

Respectively submitted,
Sara Magro