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Dear Mayor Bassett,

I had an opportunity to talk with Chief Eighmy and I want to publicly thank him and his department members for their tireless dedication serving the residents of Rhinebeck.

I do have a concern and a suggestion regarding the Rescue Truck. I am concerned that there is only one bid on a \$600,000 truck. More importantly, I am concerned about the added debt this will add to the Village. I worry that we are borrowing and spending beyond our means.

I believe that most residents are unaware of this. Therefore, I suggest that the Village Board defer any decision regarding the truck for 60 days to allow for public input. Information could be sent in a special message from the Mayor to all residents. This additional discussion will insure that whatever decision that the Board makes has been informed by public opinion. Thank you for your time.

Paul Higgins