

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN MINUTES
September 26, 2017

APPROVED:

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AGENDA: Meet with Chief Ben Laroche
 Continue work on 2018 Plan

ATTENDING: Joe Lukeman (Chairman), Steve Favorite (Vice Chairman), Dave Hill, Don
 Milbrand, Dan Paradis

ABSENT: John Bianchi (excused), Bill Cote (excused)

OTHER: Fire Chief Ben Laroche

The meeting opened at 7:05p.m.

MINUTES OF September 19, 2017:

The following amendment was made: On page 2, signature line, replace "Joe Lukeman" with "Don Milbrand".

S. Favorite made a MOTION, second by D. Paradis, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried with one abstention.

MEET WITH CHIEF BEN LAROCHE:

The committee went over the Fire Department list. When asked if \$25,000 for the **Reserve Fund** is still okay, Chief Laroche answered that it is okay for now, the next 5 years probably. May need more after that.

Air Compressor: This has a 15 year life. Mr. Favorite asked if he has back-up. The Chief stated that they have used Franklin. Right now they service several of our surrounding towns at \$100.00 a year. Mr. Paradis asked if this should be on the 2025 line and Mr. Milbrand thought probably. Chief Laroche mentioned that the bottles may be up soon. He felt that this should be listed as SPBA to cover bottles and masks. They will probably need \$35,000 for bottles by 2020 or 2021. Mr. Milbrand asked if, after that, we should plan for 8 at a time and Chief Laroche said yes, at about \$1,000 each. He will check the life expectancy.

Other:

Mr. Favorite asked if he has any maintenance issues. The Chief felt that they are holding up for now. They are doing their own.

For ambulances, the Chief stated that they will have \$200,000 available by the middle of 2018. He is afraid that it will not include the power stretcher so he would like to plan to replace the stretcher, at a cost of \$18,000 to \$20,000 in 2019. He needs to talk to the Town Admin., Nik Coates, about the language of the fund. The ambulance comes in between August to October of 2018.

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Other continued:

The Chief stated that the Rescue Truck is going in for evaluation on Monday. He expects it is good for 5 or so years.

Chief Laroche stated that they will need money for the building. He had hoped to have a figure by tonight but that didn't happen. He would like to go for a grant but has no idea what the cost will be. He feels that it would be wise to have the plan set up with possibly \$20,000 to \$25,000 from fund balance for the design. Mr. Milbrand asked if he might estimate the cost of the expansion. The Chief answered that he thought \$200,000 but spoke with one who thought it would be more like \$300,000. He feels he would need \$50,000 to \$75,000 for the town share with a grant).

Chief Laroche stated that ambulance use is pretty even this year though they have had more transports. Last year, the use had gone up 5%. Mr. Hill asked his game plan if they get a longer ambulance. Chief Laroche stated that the chassis style is not as bad as they had thought but they will still need to re-arrange. Within 6 ½ years, they will need more room. As for second calls, they have gone from 20-25 calls to over 100.

The Chief was thanked for coming in.

COMMUNICATIONS: -----

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. Milbrand has received confirmation from Les Dion that Kelley Park will be in to our October 17th meeting.

B. Cote had sent an e-mail about the Highway: the roller is a #3 priority and the excavator a #4.

Mr. Lukeman pointed out that 2021 and 2022 seem to be the lighter years right now.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 7:00p.m. with Kelley Park.

With no other business before the committee, S. Favorite made a motion, second by D. Milbrand to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Laferriere,
Land Use Admin. Ass't.