

# **TOWN OF KIRKWOOD WORK SESSION**

**October 25, 2022**

Present: Supervisor Lewis Grubham  
Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.  
Councilwoman Katie Legg  
Councilwoman Sandy Wasson  
Councilman Robert Weingartner

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney  
Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk  
John A. Finch Jr., Commissioner of Public Works  
Jim Smith, Budget Officer  
Marchie Diffendorf, Planning Board Chairman

**1. Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for November 29, 2022 at 6 PM on the Year 2023 Water and Sewer Budget. (LCG)**

Resolution.

**2. Resolution scheduling a Public Hearing for November 29, 2022 at 6:05 PM on the Year 2023 Fire Contracts. (LCG)**

Resolution.

**3. Resolution appointing Christine Cole as Clerk, PT to work in the Town Court, effective November 2, 2022, at a rate of pay of \$18 per hour.**

Resolution.

**4. Discussion – Truck 24 (Water Department) 2016 Ford F-250. (JAF)**

John Finch explained to the Board that it was time to upgrade Truck 24 which is generally done every seven years. On November 14, 2022 Ford is taking orders for 2023 and once they have met their quota they will not be accepting any new orders for 2023. It's predicted it will only take four or five days to fill their quota. With time being a factor, John Finch is hoping to get approval for pre-authorization to order and purchase this vehicle with a locked in price ahead of the final 2023 budget approval, which has funds set aside to purchase this truck. It will be split from the water and sewer equipment budget lines. From John

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Finch's research he has determined this truck will cost approximately \$47,000-\$49,000, which is lower than both Chevy or Dodge.

The current Truck 24 would be transferred to the Highway department and go to Bill Tozer (Truck 29), then the current Truck 29 would stay in the Highway department as Service Truck 21, and the current service truck (#21) would be sold.

## **Resolution.**

### **5. Discussion – Truck 26 (Highway Department) 2017 Ford F-550. (JAF)**

John Finch explained that this truck has the same dilemma as Truck 24, with time restraints and needing pre-authorization to order the vehicle. Fully equipped the new Truck 26 would cost approximately \$95,000 (that includes plows, sander, and dump box). Once the new truck arrives the old Truck 26 would be sold with all the same attachments for approximately \$30,000, according to John Finch. The remaining \$65,000 would come out of the equipment budget line. Supervisor Grubham mentioned he does not want to deplete the reserve budget line, it might be best to build up that line.

## **Resolution.**

### **Tractor with Reach Arm.**

John Finch reported that instead of purchasing a new tractor for \$180,000-\$190,000 that was talked about at a previous meeting, the Highway department will be renting a tractor with a reach arm for \$6,400 a month. This will be a big savings for the Highway department and can be used elsewhere.

### **6. Audit of Claims.**

### **Clothing Allotment – Code.**

Councilman Diffendorf asked if Chad Moran received money each year for clothing expenses. A voucher had been submitted. Supervisor Grubham was going to look into it.

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**Five Mile Point Race Track/Warehouse Report from Broome County.**

After reading the report from Broome County regarding the potential warehouse project at the Five Mile Point Race Track site, Councilman Diffendorf said it does not sound good. Supervisor Grubham noted the report has been sent to the developer and we are just waiting to hear, the ball is in their court. Supervisor Grubham agreed that the report was pretty damning as far as using Francis Street. Mr. McKertich has also passed the report on to their attorney.