

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
HOPEWELL BOROUGH DISTRICT NO. 1**

RESOLUTION # 21-35

Authorizing Vehicle Repair – Sutphen Tanker

Whereas, the fire district's 2013 Sutphen tanker apparatus is a vital part of the district's emergency fleet and is essential to meet pressing needs for the protection of public health and safety, especially the provision of water for fire suppression in the many areas without hydrants as well as of other emergency services to the residents of the fire district and also to neighboring emergency service providers who rely on this apparatus in mutual aid situations; and

Whereas, the tanker apparatus has suffered an unforeseen catastrophic failure of the plastic tank which has rendered the tank inoperable and requires swift repair or replacement in order to get the apparatus back in service as soon as possible; and

Whereas, the tank has been through a series of unsuccessful warranty repairs since its purchase and the original manufacturer of the tank is no longer in business with the result that there is no longer a warranty on the tank; and

Whereas, the apparatus has been inspected by three vendors for a determination of the practicality and cost of repair versus replacement of the tank; and

Whereas, given the nature of the problem and the failure of previous attempts at repair, and after consideration of cost and other factors the board deems it advisable and economically responsible to replace the tank at this time; and

Whereas, the Board adopted Resolution 21-34 authorizing a \$15,519.00 supplemental emergency appropriation in its 2021 budget for the repair of the apparatus, which appropriation is awaiting approval and certification by Resolution of the Hopewell Borough Council;

Whereas, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient unencumbered funds in the fire district's current year's budget and unrestricted surplus funds to pay for the project, a portion of the cost of which, upon approval and certification of the supplemental emergency appropriation by the municipality, will be included in the fire district's 2022 budget as a deferred expense.

Now, therefore be it Resolved by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Hopewell Borough Fire District No. 1 that the fire chief shall obtain firm pricing for the emergency replacement of the water tank and attendant electrical and plumbing work, painting, testing and any additional items needed to complete the tank replacement and

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installation on its 2013 Sutphen tanker from at least two vendors, distribute the proposals to the board, and thereafter is authorized to proceed with securing a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 in order to move forward with the repairs from the vendor providing the most satisfactory proposal, cost and other factors considered.

Roll Call Vote:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chairperson Morehouse	X			
Commissioner Bovenizer	X			
Commissioner Davies	X			
Commissioner Evans	X			
Commissioner Myers	X			

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT THIS IS A TRUE COPY OF A RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 14, 2021.

Gregory Davies, Secretary