

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
WORKING SESSION  
MARCH 2, 2020  
TOWN HALL 5:00 PM**

**Board Members Present:**

Rene C. Wood, Chairman  
Nadine A. Hawver, Clerk  
Martin C. Mitsoff

**Committee Members Present:**

Colin Smith, Chairman  
Julie Hannum, Vice Chairman  
David Macy

**Others Present:**

Rhonda LaBombard, Town Administrator  
Jill Hughes, Assistant to Town Administrator  
David Ullrich, Fire Chief  
John Ullrich  
Robert Kilmer  
Anthony Bleau  
Michael Funk  
Marc Wysocki  
Members of the Fire Department

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

The Board and Finance Committee met with Fire Department officers to discuss equipment purchases. Chairman Wood discussed the letter that the Board sent regarding fire truck pricing options. Chief Ullrich discussed previous fire truck purchases and gave an update on the progress the Department has made in the last few months.

Colin Smith inquired about the life span of a fire truck and about staggering the purchase of trucks. A discussion ensued.

Selectman Mitsoff stated that the Town could purchase a less expensive truck now that may not last thirty years to help with the budget. Anthony Bleau stated that the Department prefers a Pierce fire truck versus other brands because they currently own only Pierce trucks and they all operate the same, which is important in an emergency.

Selectman Hawver stated that David Eisenthal from UniBank has provided a comparison of state house notes versus a lease. She stated that the one difference between the two is that lease payments would need annual appropriation from the voters and state house notes would only need to be voted once for the full amount. A discussion ensued.

Marc Wysocki left the meeting at 5:44 PM.

Colin Smith left the meeting at 5:46 PM.


Chief Ullrich stated that when the Department purchased the Pierce fire truck in 2018 the Board of Selectmen had also asked for prices on other trucks for a comparison. He stated that the other prices came in at a difference of only \$20,000 - \$30,000 less than the Pierce. A discussion ensued. It was the consensus of the Board to review all of the information and make a decision at their March 5<sup>th</sup> working meeting. Chief Ullrich will send the Board an updated quote for the Pierce fire truck.

A discussion ensued regarding money for fire truck repair.

Selectman Hawver moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Mitsoff. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Wood adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Jill Hughes  
Assistant to Town Administrator

Documents reviewed at this meeting:  
Email from David Eisenthal  
Fire Department Budget  
Fire Department Capital Expenditure Plan