


SUBJECT: APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,650,000 FROM THE CENTRAL MAT-SU FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, AND APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR A PROJECT TO PURCHASE TWO NEW RESCUE ENGINES.




AGENDA OF: September 27, 2022

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

Adopted without objection 10-18-22


MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER: 

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	CL	
	Emergency Services Director	KB	
	Finance Director		
	Borough Attorney		
	Borough Clerk	JAN 9/19/22 	

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES ☒ NO ☐
Ordinance Serial No. 22-109 (2 pp)
Resolution Serial No. 22-084 (2 pp)
Board of Supervisor Minutes (5 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The Central Mat-Su Fire Department currently has three of its highest use rescue-engines approaching or exceeding 70,000 miles, with one having over 85,000 miles. The two oldest rescue-engines are a 2010 and 2014, which are at our benchmark of 10 years of age to be moved for use at slower stations.

In fiscal year 2023, a capital improvement project was awarded for \$875,000 to purchase a single replacement rescue-engine. Costs for replacements have escalated substantially, exceeding 23% over the last two years, and the current low quote for the replacement is \$1,250,000. Additional price increases are pending with even more anticipated over the next few years.

Due to the increased demand for service, which is causing faster than predicted wear, we are seeking to purchase two rescue engines at this time which provides a purchase price savings of \$100,000. The second engine would be slated for replacement in the upcoming budget and by advancing this purchase forward, we will save taxpayers money as prices are predicted to increase even further. This will also drastically reduce the delivery time frame of the apparatus and ensure consistency in the apparatus. The Engines being replaced have experienced extensive maintenance histories and their life span will increase by moving them to slower stations, which will also allow the elimination of older apparatus from Central's inventory.

Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area is requesting an additional \$1,650,000 from their reserve fund balance to complete this project, which the Board of Supervisors has approved.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

The administration recommends approval of the attached legislation, which will approve an appropriation of \$1,650,000 from the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 250, and approve the scope of work and budget for project No. 45066, Fund 405, to purchase two new rescue engines.

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FISCAL NOTE

Agenda Date: September 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Approving an appropriation of \$1,650,000 from the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Fund Balance, and approving the scope of work and budget for a project to purchase two new rescue engines.

ORIGINATOR: Ken Barkley

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT <u>YES</u> NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED <u>\$1,650,000</u>	FUNDING SOURCE <u>Central Mat-su FSA Fund</u>
FROM ACCOUNT # <u>250 272.00</u>	PROJECT <u>balance</u>
TO ACCOUNT: <u>405.000.00 3xx-xxx</u>	PROJECT # <u>45066</u>
VERIFIED BY: <u>David W. Smith</u>	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE: <u>9-6-22</u>	DATE:

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						

CAPITAL	<u>1,650.0</u>					
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other	<u>1,650.0</u>					
TOTAL	<u>1,650.0</u>					

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

PREPARED BY: _____ PHONE: _____
 DEPARTMENT: Chapman Dennis DATE: _____
 APPROVED BY: _____ DATE: 9/16/22

Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors Meeting

Station 61

Chairman: D. Eller
Vice Chairman: J. Steele

Board Members: B. Davis
L. Szipszky
D. Tyler

August 8, 2022 – 6 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at 101 W. Swanson Ave. Wasilla, AK on August 8, 2022.

II. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Board Members present and establishing a quorum for the Central Mat-Su FSA:

Chairman Dave Eller, Vice Chairman James Steele, Brian Davis, Dave Tyler and Luke Szipszky.

Also present were: Michael Keenan, Chief, Central Mat-Su Fire Department (CMSFD), Shari Lamz, Admin. Assistant, CMSFD, and Ken Barkley, Director, Department of Emergency Services (DES)

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Eller led the "Pledge of Allegiance."

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

August 8, 2022

MOTION: Mr. Steele moved, and Mr. Szipszky seconded, to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF PRECEDING MEETING MINUTES

IM 22-201
OR 22-109
RS 22-084

MOTION: Mr. Steele moved, and Mr. Davis seconded, to approve the May 9, 2022 Joint Meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

VI. BOARD REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Chiefs Report

May-July Run Stats

- May - 207 Total
 - 10 Structure fires
 - 8 Vehicle fires
 - 18 Wildland fires
 - 44 Medic assists
 - 32 Rescue calls
 - June – 204 Total
 - 8 Structure fires
 - 6 Vehicle fires
 - 2 Wildland fires
 - 49 Medic assists
 - 30 Rescue calls
 - July – 236 Total
 - 8 Structure fires
 - 8 Vehicle fires
 - 4 Wildland fires
 - 70 Medic assists – due to increase of COVID cases
 - 30 Rescue calls
- Total call to date – 1481

Significant fires:

- Grandview Hotel - lightning strike/attic fire
- Creekside apartment complex
 - Palmer FSA
 - Central crew cut 8 vertical ventilation holes – Very good save
- Wasilla Street apartment complex
 - Aggressive coordinated vertical ventilation with interior fire attack saved building
- Ridgeview duplex
 - Occupant had to jump from window to escape
 - Aggressive interior fire attack with vertical ventilation, saved building

New Full Time Personnel

- Rane Larson promoted to Captain on B shift
- Hired to back fill Rane's position and fill out two vacant FDO positions:
 - Ken Clark, Rodney Bettis and Adam Marang – all from our paid on-call ranks

- They are new engineers and we would like them to get more experience before we start staffing Station 51

Training

- BFF class completed
- Wasilla high school cadet program starts this month with 14 candidates
- Department training:
 - Live Fire
 - Water supply refresher
 - Target Hazards
 - Search

Fire Code Office and Public Education

Fire & Life Safety Division Statistics: (Provide 3 months as comparison)				
	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	CY2022 Totals
New Plan Reviews	12	33	6	89
Valuation of Construction	\$2,701,426.00	\$6,937,882.80	\$1,081,300.00	\$25,942,625.56
Fees Assessed	\$12,244.60	\$40,570.70	\$4,495.72	\$116,021.95
Actual Fees Collected	\$11,705.31	\$33,874.55	\$1,985.09	\$108,311.10
Plan Reviews Approved	25	8	4	63
Consultations	27	48	32	200
Inspections	54	46	47	263
Follow-up Inspections	8	15	5	82
Knox Box Keys	4	13	4	69
Fire Investigations	3	9	6	41
Platting Comments	45	0	53	219
Pre-fire Plans	7	3	2	29
Public Education - Events	11	7	2	23
Public Education - Participants	550	710	60	1345
CMSFD Incidents	209	204	236	1483
Mutual Aid Total	0	9	6	29
Alarms Installed	3	8	11	42

Projects

- Hall crawler is complete and turned over to us
 - Training on its use also completed
- Heavy Rescue pre-construction is in October at SVI
- Aerial platform is delayed – now scheduled for a Jan/Feb completion

- Tactical tender and brush truck still awaiting chassis and a projected completion in 2023 – preconstruction visit completed in July

Shaw Fill Site – Going before the assembly this month

- Base bid with utility allowance \$1,373,754
- Alternate for Insulated roof and wall panels \$60,456.75
- Alternate to pave new road and all parking areas \$75,346.88
- Total -\$1,509,558.00
 - Plan on awarding both alternates
- Orion is the low bidder
- We have \$1.7 in the project

Apparatus Issues

- Truck 6-1 is out of service – damaged rung – parts ordered
- Rescue-Engine 6-1 out of service with pump engagement issues
- Rescue-Engine 6-2 is out of service with steering component issues
- Pumper-Tender 6-2 is out of service with foam system issues

New Engine

- Getting them back in service is taking longer due to supply issues
- We will be going with Spartan as our new manufacture, \$875,000.00 budgeted

Another Engine

- Recommending that we consider purchasing two engines instead of the one.
- Current rescue-engines are wearing out
 - Rescue-Engine 5-1 – 2010 – 69828 miles
 - Rescue-Engine 6-2 – 2014 – 85111 miles
 - Rescue-Engine 6-1 – 2017 – 69472 miles
- Currently new trucks are at least 460 days out from the time of order
- The engine we are looking at now is roughly \$1.12 million
- We currently have \$875,000.00 budgeted for the new engine
- Recommend that we move \$1.65 million from the reserve fund into the current rescue engine and related equipment project (45066-6674) to purchase two engines and equipment. A total of \$2,525,000.00 would be in that project.
- At the end of last fiscal year we had roughly \$7.9 million in our reserve fund

MOTION: Mr. Steele moved, and Mr. Davis seconded, to move \$1.65 million from the reserve fund to the current rescue engine and related equipment project (45066-6674) to purchase two engines and equipment.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

Support/Command Trucks

- Director Barkley stated that fleet has several support trucks on order but we haven't received any of them

Upcoming

- Current budget is looking okay
 - Watching fuel
- Starting on the preliminary planning for next years CIP list and budget
- We have been selected to host the 2024 State Fire Conference

- Monitoring area streams for flooding

IX. OTHER BUSINESS (other items of discussion not listed on agenda)

Director Barkley invited the board members to DEMO day Aug 27, 10:00 - 4:00 at Station 62 that Central Mat Su Fire Department is hosting. Demo day will include a car fire, structure fire and medical assist. Director Barkley stated that some of the Assembly members and several MSB employees would be participation in some of the events to help them understand fire operations and some of the gear we use.

X. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION & BOARD COMMENTS

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Eller adjourned the board meeting at approximately 6:41 p.m.

DAVE ELLER, Chairman, Central Mat-Su FSA B.O.S.

ATTEST:

Shari Lamz, Admin. Assistant, Central Mat-Su FSA B.O.S.

Minutes approved on: _____