

**SUBJECT:** APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$375,000 FROM THE GREATER PALMER FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, AND APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR A PROJECT TO PURCHASE A NEW PUMPER TENDER.

**AGENDA OF:** November 22, 2022

**ASSEMBLY ACTION:**

*Adopted without objection*

*12-8-22*

**MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:** Introduce and set for public hearing.

**APPROVED BY MICHAEL BROWN, BOROUGH MANAGER:**

*MB*

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator	<i>CL</i>	
	Emergency Services Director	<i>KB</i>	
	Finance Director	<i>MB</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>MB</i>	
	Borough Clerk		<i>MB</i>

**ATTACHMENT (S) :** Fiscal Note: YES X NO         
Ordinance Serial No. 22-129 (2 pp)  
Resolution Serial No. 22-110 (2 pp)  
Board of Supervisor Minutes (3 pp)

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

The Greater Palmer FSA needs to take the next step in their apparatus replacement schedule and purchase a new pumper tender. The new pumper tender will provide a safe and effective apparatus for responses to both the Greater Palmer FSA and mutual aid to all areas of the Borough.

The pumper tender being replaced is 32 years old. This Tender has numerous problems with the pump and tank and is determined to be beyond economical repair. An attempt to refurbish the apparatus was explored but was deemed not to be cost effective. This truck lacks basic modern safety features for responders and will be a dual purpose apparatus increasing efficiency for the service area.

The new apparatus will provide a safe and reliable apparatus to better serve our community.

Costs for replacements have escalated substantially over the last two years, with additional scheduled increases over the next three to six months. Going forward immediately with the scheduled replacement will save our taxpayers money due to further scheduled and predicted price increases. Delivery dates are currently exceeding 460 days and could aggrandize our maintenance expenses and expected dependability.

Greater Palmer FSA is requesting to use up to \$375,000 from the reserve fund to purchase this new pumper tender. This will be added to a Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Appropriated project of \$600,000 to cover the estimated cost.

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**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:**

The administration recommends approval of the attached legislation, which will approve an appropriation of \$375,000 from the Greater Palmer Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 259, and approve the scope of work and budget for project No. 45215, Fund 405, to purchase a new pumper tender.

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FISCAL NOTE

Agenda Date: November 22, 2022

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ORIGINATOR: Ken Barkley

FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT <u>YES</u> NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED <u>\$375,000</u>	FUNDING SOURCE <u>Gr. Palmer FSA Fund</u>
FROM ACCOUNT # <u>259.00.00 4xx.xxx</u>	PROJECT
TO ACCOUNT: <u>405.00.00 3xx.xxx</u>	PROJECT # <u>45215</u>
VERIFIED BY:	CERTIFIED BY:
DATE:	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>375.0</u>					
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other	<u>375.0</u>					
TOTAL	<u>375.0</u>					

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

PREPARED BY:

DEPARTMENT:

APPROVED BY:

PHONE:

DATE:

DATE:

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GREATER PALMER CONSOLIDATED  
FIRE SERVICE AREA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022  
9:00 A.M.- PALMER FIRE TRNG CENTER

**MINUTES**

- A. CALL TO ORDER. The meeting of the Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors was called to order at 9:00 A.M.
- B. ROLL CALL. In attendance were GPCFSA Board of Supervisors members, Barry Mothershead, Marty VanDiest, and Ted Stuff; GPCFSA Chief Chad Cameron; and Matanuska Borough Deputy Director of Emergency Services - Fire and Rescue, Brian Davis.
- C. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL. The minutes of the last GPCFSA Board of Supervisors meeting on August 4, 2022, were approved.
- D. NEW BUSINESS.

1. FUNDS REQUESTED FOR NEW TENDER

The GPCFSA Board had previously voted and approved funds in the amounts of \$600,000 and \$300,000 respectively, to be applied toward acquisition of a new tanker and refurbishing of Tender 34. Deputy Director Davis reported that the approved funds in the amount of \$300,000 for refurbishing of Tender 34 had been returned to the GPCFSA Reserve Account due to the significance of the problems with the apparatus and the cost of refurbishment.

A new CIP, in the amount of \$375,000, was requested at this meeting to now be combined with the previously approved \$600,000. This combined amount will cover an estimated \$975,000 cost for one new pumper tender with apparatus. The pumper tender will likely be assigned to Station 33 on Lazy Mountain, when completed. The additional \$75,000 in the new request was stated as being necessary for recent increases in manufacturer costs to purchase apparatus. A motion was made to bring the request to vote. The GPCFSA Board voted unanimously to approve \$375,000 to be added to the previously approved \$600,000, for the new pumper tender.

2. STATION 39 UPDATE

Deputy Director Davis provided an update to the Board on the new Station 39 project. At this time, it is estimated that the new station will cost \$15,000,000. \$8,000,000 has been secured from the State of Alaska to be used toward completion of the project. The GPCFSA Board has previously approved \$2,500,000 for the project. Deputy Director Davis will keep the GPCFSA Board apprised of any project cost changes if they occur. The architect's finished drawings are expected to be complete by December 2022. The project is expected to be put out to bid by early January, 2023. Construction should begin in the Spring of 2023.

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3. FEMA GRANT FOR GENERATORS

Deputy Director Davis reported that the Borough has received a FEMA grant that will allow for new generators for some of the stations. It is expected that GPCFSA will get at least one of the generators to be installed at either Station 33 or 35. The grant also includes funds for the purchase of portable heat trailers to be used during power outage, or other emergency situations.

4. STATION 35 LAND ACQUISITION UPDATE

Deputy Director Davis stated that the Borough has been in communication with the landowner to purchase the lease parcel on which Station 35 is standing. The land adjacent to the station is not available for purchase.

5. STATION REMODELING UPDATE

Burying utilities, pavement and sealing at Station 35 will be planned over the winter in preparation to be executed in the Spring or Summer of 2023. The pavement at Station 32 will be scheduled to be sealed at Station 32. Station 33's pad reconstruction has been completed.

6. GENERAL GPCFSA PERSONNEL AND CALL UPDATE

Chief Cameron reported that currently Palmer Fire & Rescue has approximately 60 active personnel on the roster. Palmer Fire & Rescue is expected to reach 1,000 incident responses for 2022. Chief Cameron stated that the current cooperative relationship between Fire and EMS is very good.

7. SUBDIVISIONS

Board Chair Barry Mothershead shared several new subdivisions that are in the works within the GPCFSA. The subdivisions are near the Old Glenn Highway, near Sky Ranch, near the Palmer-Wasilla Highway (Horse Play), on Hart Lake Loop, and on Fishhook/Little Su/Little Otter.

8. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Deputy Director Davis stated that we are entering into the annual budget planning process. He expects to have new CIP's ready for review by the Board by our December meeting. Chief Cameron shared that the budget for City of Palmer Fire and Rescue will increase with the addition of possibly one full-time Administrative Assistant and minimal increases in other line items.

Fuel has a major expense, with the department estimating to double the budgeted funds this year. The City of Palmer Council will be going over the proposed budget in November with approval expected at the end of November.

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- E. ADJOURNMENT. Being no further business, a motion was made by Board Chairperson Barry Mothershead, to adjourn the meeting. There was a second to the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 A.M.

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Barry W. Mothershead, Chairperson  
Greater Palmer Consolidated FSA  
Board of Supervisors

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