

NMFR Joint Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

City of Menasha – Room #132

Present: Ald. Grade, Stevenson, Borchardt, Sevenich, Eisenach and Boyette

Also Present: Chief Kloehn, Director Sassman and MA Ellis

Public: No members of the public were present.

Ald. Borchardt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Public Forum: No members of the public were present.

Minutes: The Committee reviewed the June 28, 2022 meeting minutes. **MSC Sevenich/Stevenson to approve the June 28, 2022 meeting minutes, all voting aye.**

Engine 32 Update: The Committee reviewed the memo regarding the issues with Engine 32's engine cylinders. Chief Kloehn reviewed the issues and how much money we have spent to make repairs to this vehicle this year. It's a front line engine and we do need to get this fixed. Our reserve engine is currently in service until this one is fixed and at this time we have no other reserve engine if another truck has issues and needs to be taken out of service. He has been doing research and asking other departments, who have other vendors, how their vehicles are. His information is that it doesn't matter who the manufacture is that they are all having the same issues. Ald. Borchardt asked if we are using the engines too much and that's why we have the issues. Chief Koehn explained after talking to the vendor we are not using it enough. The new apparatus is required to have DEF usage by the government regulations. The temperature is not getting high enough for a long enough time to have the regen kick in for the motor, which is causing issues with the motor. We are now changing our procedure where every week we will running the trucks on the highway to get the trucks up a high enough temperature to get the regen to kick in.

Ald. Stevenson asked why Pierce is not designing and buying the engines that are made with gas versus diesel due to them knowing how these vehicles are used. The engine issues are a Cummins issue versus a Pierce issue as they are buying the motor from other vendors. He also asked what our Truck Committee thinks. Chief Kloehn said the Truck Committee is meeting with the owner of Red Power Diesel to get his feedback on possibly changing the specs of the truck to try to prevent this issue from coming up. Ald. Boyette said she understands the issue but was wondering if we used diesel engines because of the power that is needed to run these engines. She asked if she knows of a manufacturer who makes a fire truck with a gasoline engine. Chief Kloehn said there may be a vendor out there but the engines are diesel to the ability to handle powering a vehicle with the weight it has. Ald. Boyette said she feels the quote is a reasonable price.

Ald. Sevenich asked about the time frame for repairs once we approve this. Chief Kloehn noted the corrosion repairs have been done and it's currently sitting at the shop with various parts out of the engine until the repairs are done. The vendor is waiting for the parts and it's anticipated it should be fixed by Labor Day. Ald. Grade asked about the repair warranty and asked if we can get the warranty extended since we will not put 100,000 miles on the vehicle after it's fixed. Chief Kloehn will ask about this.

The Committee all agreed the repairs needed to be made as soon as parts could be obtained. Funding of the repairs were discussed. Director Sassman noted this would come out of the department's operating budget for maintenance of motor vehicles and the line would be over budget. **MSC Sevenich/Stevenson recommends the City of Neenah and the City of Menasha Common Council's approval of spending \$35,195.35 to repair Engine 32 and authorized the department to move forward with the repairs and not wait until both Councils approve these funds, all voting aye.**

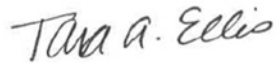
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2023 Cost Distribution Formula: The Committee reviewed the memo on the 2023 cost distribution formula. Ald. Eisenach asked how the formula is done. Director Sassman explained how this is put together and that the data from 2021 is used for the 2023 budget. Every year there is a slight change for what each City pays but in the end it's always close to a 60/40 split. Ald. Grade asked how this was developed. Ald. Stevenson said it was originally a 5-part factor and it was changed to a 4-part formula as there was no good way of obtaining accurate square footage of buildings. This Committee is responsible for looking at this and making sure it's fair for both Cities. **MSC Stevenson/Stevenson to recommend the City of Neenah and City of Menasha Common Councils approve NMFR's 2023 cost distribution formula with the City of Neenah's weighted share at 60.34% and the City of Menasha's weighted share at 39.66%, all voting aye.**

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MSC Boyette/Stevenson to adjourn at 6:00 p.m., all voting aye.

Respectfully Submitted,



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