

**CITY OF NORWALK  
BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND TAXATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 7, 2023  
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

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ATTENDANCE: Mayor Harry Rilling; Ed Abrams; James Frayer; Artie Kassimis

STAFF: Thomas Ellis, Director Management and Budgets; Terry Blake, Deputy Chief and Mickey Docimo, Administrative Manager, Norwalk Police Department; Gino Gatto, Chief and Edward McCabe, Assistant Chief, Norwalk Fire Department

Mayor Rilling called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Dixon called the Roll as indicated above. A Quorum was present.

Ms. Dixon read the resolution.

**\*\* MR. KASSIMIS MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION**

**1. RESOLUTION: REQUESTING A SPECIAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$489,225 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE TWO FIRE ENGINES (PUMPER TRUCKS).**

Mr. Frayer asked if any of the specifications changed to come up with a 36% increase. He was told the specifications did not change; the price went up. Mr. McCabe explained that in 2018 the fire engines cost \$576,000 and three years later they put in a request for \$675,000 each.

However, when the approvals were finalized and they went out to bid, they received two bids. One was for \$919,000 and the other just over \$1 million.

Fire Chief Gatto explained that if their request is approved, there is a two, to two and a half year turnaround time. There will be no charges until the fire engines are received and the price is locked in.

Mr. Abrams asked if there was any downward flexibility on the price over the next two years or if they are locked into the price. Mr. McCabe explained that he could ask the manufacturer; however, he said he believes they are locked into the price just the way the manufacturer is locked into the price.

Mayor Rilling acknowledged the teamwork demonstrated by all of the the First Responders.

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*\* MR. ABRAMS MOVED TO ADJOURN**

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There was no further business, and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:39 p.m.\_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi  
Telesco Secretarial Services