

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

AGENDA ITEM VI



**CITY OF FRANKLIN
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

City Council Meeting, March 3, 2014

From: Kevin LaChapelle, Fire Chief

Subject: For the Franklin City Council to consider the release of funds from the Raymond and Betty Turcotte Memorial Fund to purchase technical rescue equipment for Fire Department.

Recommending motion:

1. Councilor moves: "I move that the Franklin City Council schedules a public hearing concerning Resolution #09-14 for Monday, April 7, 2014 at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall concerning the authorization for the withdrawal of an amount not to exceed \$17,700 from the Raymond & Betty Turcotte Memorial Rescue Squad Trust Fund for the purchasing of technical rescue equipment."
2. Mayor asks a second, discussion, and calls the vote.

Background:

The Raymond & Betty Turcotte memorial Rescue Squad Trust Fund was established when Mr. Turcotte's *Will* donated one-third of his estate to the rescue squad in 1996. An area that is well suited for the use of memorial account money is where the equipment is expensive and is not needed on a regular basis. It is very hard to justify taxpayer's dollars for that type of expenditure, but it is a great match for these types of donations. For many years we have been deferring these funds for a day when we had adequate storage on a piece of apparatus to be able to carry this technical rescue equipment. At this time, we would like to request to expend money from this account which will allow us to provide additional level of service to our customers, while also providing an additional level of safety to our employees.

In 2013 our Department reached a long time goal of having all of our Full-time and many of our Call staff certified in various different Technical Rescue disciplines. This was all made possible by Federal Grant funding. In late 2013 we were fortunate to be offered the 14' Cargo trailer that is hoped to be used for Technical Rescue equipment storage and work station. Our specialized training coupled with this comprehensive equipment purchase will enhance our operational readiness in the areas of Confined Space Entry, Trench and Building Collapse, Water Rescue and other special operations incidents. Reaching this goal will shine light on a system that was conceived by previous forward thinking Fire Department Administrators.

In July 2013 a Rescue Committee was formed to review the needs of rescue equipment. Our committee met on a monthly basis making fluid changes to current equipment and refining a list of tools and equipment that would hone our readiness for special rescue incidents.

Fiscal Impact:

Raymond & Betty Turcotte Rescue Squad Memorial Trust Fund (Expendable)

Current balance as of 12/31/13 \$86,764.99

The fund has been used four times spending \$86,300.00 since its inception in 1997.

Request not to exceed \$17,700

1. Trailer Readiness
2. Tools, equipment and miscellaneous supplies
3. Hazmat Bin Retro Fit for Rescue

After this expenditure there will be a balance of \$69,064.99 in this trust fund. This current administration agrees with previous Fire Department administrations that this account should not be spent below the original principal of \$50,000.

Alternatives:

The alternative is for the Fire Department to continue using current equipment in a limited fashion during difficult Technical Rescue incidents.

Attachments/Exhibits:

- Photos of potential hazards



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RESOLUTION #09-14

A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2014.

In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2014 which began July 1, 2013, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes the Fire department has received a donation of a 14 foot cargo trailer that the department wishes to equip and use as technical rescue storage and work station, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes the Raymond & Betty Turcotte expendable trust fund was established for and has traditionally supported these kinds of equipment purchases for the fire department, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire understands that the Turcotte trust fund has a current balance of approximately \$90,000, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin wishes to appropriate from the Turcotte trust fund an amount not to exceed \$17,700 for the purpose of equipping the cargo trailer for technical rescue, Now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, April 7, 2014 the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 09-14 accepting the donation of a 14 foot cargo trailer and authorizing an increase in FY14 revenues:

Transfer In – Trust Funds Acct No. 01-0-000-39160-000 – Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$17,700),

And an increase in expenditure account,

Rescue Machinery & Equipment Acct. No. 01-2-207-40740-000 – Seventeen Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$17,700),

By a roll call vote.

Resolution #09-14
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Roll Call:

Councilor Clarenbach	_____	Councilor Dzujna	_____
Councilor Giunta	_____	Councilor Cournoyer	_____
Councilor Boyd	_____	Councilor Feener	_____
Councilor Desrochers	_____	Councilor Barton	_____
Councilor Starkweather	_____		

Approved: _____
Mayor

Passed: _____

I certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force and effect as of the date of this Certification and that _____ is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.

A true copy, attested: _____
City Clerk

Date: _____



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CITY OF FRANKLIN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING & MEETING

In accordance with the provision of Chapter 31, Division 2 of the Franklin Municipal Code, notice is hereby given that the City of Franklin will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 7, 2014 at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall concerning Resolution #09-14 concerning a transfer of funds from the Turcotte Memorial Rescue Squad Trust Fund not to exceed \$17,700 for the purchase of rescue equipment for the Franklin Fire Department.



Franklin Fire Department

Rescue Equipment Proposal

February, 2014



Historical Information

- **Raymond & Betty Turcotte Memorial Trust Fund**
 - Established to provide funds for rescue and medical expenditures
 - Has been previously used to provide for equipments that is needed for technical rescue incidents that are too expensive for operating budget



Rescue Training

- Grant Funded Training
 - State provided training to many members for technical rescue
 - Members now have direct knowledge of what tools are needed



Committee

- In-House committee was formed in Summer of 2013 to look at deficiencies in equipment and storage
- Developed list of tools and where equipment needed to be stored



Trailer

- Laconia FD provided an unused trailer for storage of technical/special rescue equipment
- Modifications made in-house for current and future equipment





Equipment in Use



Incident arrival
to 30 minutes



30 Minutes to one
hour



More saving.
More doing.



NEVER STOP
IMPROVING

One hour plus





Past Incidents

- Building Collapse – Oak St.



- Building Collapse – Tannery St.



- Car vs. Building – Central St.



- Structure Fire – Salisbury Rd.

