

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA ITEM III**



**CITY OF FRANKLIN  
COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT**

*City Council Meeting, December 14, 2015*

**From:** Kevin LaChapelle, Fire Chief

**Subject:** For the Franklin City Council to authorize the withdrawal of no more than eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) from the Raymond and Betty Turcotte Rescue Squad Trust Fund account for the purpose of constructing a storage barn for the Special Operations trailer and two Emergency Preparedness trailers.

**Recommending motion:**

1. Councilor moves: "I move the Franklin City Council authorize the withdrawal of no more than eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) from the Raymond and Betty Turcotte Rescue Squad Trust Fund to be used as contribution in funding the construction of a Rescue Trailer storage barn located at the Fire Station."

2. Mayor asks a second, discussion, and calls the vote.

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**Background:**

The concept of equipment/rescue trailers and a storage barn has been discussed over 20+ years at the Fire Department. Now that that this trailer concept has become a reality, the last leg of this vision awaits reality. Chief LaChapelle has worked to develop partnerships and relationships that would assist in this program. Through these partnerships, creative funding has been solidified through a grant from 3M Corporation (\$3500) and the use of Emergency Preparedness funds at LRGHealthcare (\$3500). Chief LaChapelle is requesting that the remainder of the funds be withdrawn from the Raymond and Betty Turcotte Memorial Rescue Squad Trust Fund.

At this current time, request for proposals have been distributed to four local contractors. In the essence of time, before winter settles in, a contractor will be chosen with hope to have this structure built by mid-December. Chief LaChapelle has been working closely with design professionals and contractors to ensure a durable and long lasting structure.

The following is a list of equipment that is proposed for storage in this barn; Special Operations Rescue Trailer, Hazardous Materials Decontamination Trailer (LRGH) and Mass Casualty EMS Equipment Supply Trailer (LRGH). The equipment in these trailers will be used by Fire Department personnel in the time of a Technical Rescue incident, Hazardous Materials incident or Mass Casualty incident. It will also store other miscellaneous items such as seasonal tires for the ambulances and municipal fire alarm equipment.

It is imperative that the trailers be stored undercover in order to maintain operational readiness and maintain longevity of equipment.

The proposed structure will be located on the Hueber Court section of the Fire Station lot. It is a 36'x24' open concept pole barn.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There will be no tax generated revenue used in this project. Three thousand five hundred (\$3,500) will come from the 3M Grant, three thousand five hundred (3,500) will come from LRGHealthcare Emergency Preparedness funds, and no more than eleven thousand (\$11,000) from the Raymond and Betty Turcotte Fund.

The Raymond and Betty Turcotte Rescue Squad Trust Fund currently has a balance of \$83,002.46. As a reminder, it is the opinion of Chief LaChapelle and previous Fire Chief's that only the interest of the Turcotte Fund should be spent on Rescue type projects. The principal of the Turcotte Fund is \$60,000. Funds have been withdrawn from this account five previous times since its inception in 1997.

**Alternatives:**

The alternative is for the Fire Department to continue to store the said trailers outside leaving them exposed to weather and deterioration.

**Attachments/Exhibits:**

**RESOLUTION #06-16**

**A Resolution Relating to a Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2016.**

**In the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Sixteen,**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin has adopted a budget for Fiscal Year 2016 which began July 1, 2015, and;**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire recognizes the Fire Department is in the planning process of constructing a 24'x36' Rescue Trailer storage barn, 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 \$83,002, and;**

**WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Franklin wishes to appropriate from the Turcotte trust fund an amount not to exceed \$11,000 for the purpose of contributing funds to support the construction of this said barn**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that at the scheduled meeting of the City Council on Monday, November 2, 2015 the City Council of the City of Franklin, New Hampshire does hereby adopt resolution 06-16 allowing the withdrawal of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) and authorizing an increase in FY16 revenues:**

**Transfer In – Trust Funds Acct No. 01-0-000-39160-000 – No more than Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000),**

**And an increase in expenditure account,**

**FIRE STATION, OTHER CONTRACTED SERVICES 01-209-40439 – No more than Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000),**

**By a roll call vote.**

**Resolution #06-16**  
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**Roll Call:**

<b>Councilor Clarenbach</b>	_____	<b>Councilor Dzujna</b>	_____
<b>Councilor Giunta</b>	_____	<b>Councilor Wells</b>	_____
<b>Councilor Boyd</b>	_____	<b>Councilor Feener</b>	_____
<b>Councilor Desrochers</b>	_____	<b>Councilor Barton</b>	_____
<b>Councilor Starkweather</b>	_____		

**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 Katie A. Gargano is the City Clerk for the City of Franklin, Franklin, New Hampshire.

**A true copy, attested:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City Clerk**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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, December 14, 2015 at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Franklin City Hall regarding the Resolution 06-16, appropriating \$11,000 of reserve funds from the Raymond and Betty Turcotte Rescue Squad for the rescue trailer storage barn.**

**Provisions for persons with special needs can be made by contacting the City Manager's office, via telephone or mail at least five days prior to the public hearing.**

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