

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
ALLOWING FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE SAFETY VEHICLES  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY UNDER IC § 5-22-10-4(a)**

**Whereas**, pursuant to City of Valparaiso Ordinance 12-2012 and a separate *Interlocal Agreement* with Center Township, the Valparaiso Fire Protection Territory ("Fire Territory") was established;

**Whereas**, the Valparaiso Clerk-Treasurer and the Board of Public Works and Safety ("Board") have previously assisted the Fire Territory in the process of acquiring vehicles and equipment;

**Whereas**, the Fire Territory currently owns a 2001 KME Pumper and a 2009 E-One fire apparatus;

**Whereas**, as explained to the Board by Fire Chief Dutz, the 2009 E-One fire apparatus serves as a mainline apparatus and the 2001 KME Pumper serves as a backup apparatus. Both vehicles have required significant repairs over the last few years and their reliability is now compromised;

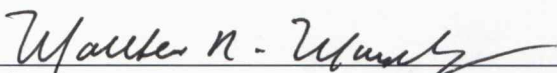
**Whereas**, Assistant Chief Daly has submitted a letter dated November 10, 2020 outlining some of the mechanical challenges with both vehicles. The Assistant Chief has also submitted repair records to further establish the basis for an emergency. Such documents are incorporated into this Resolution;

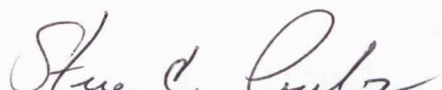
**Wherefore**, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. Consistent with Indiana Code § 5-22-10-4(a) and based on the information provided by Chief Chad Dutz and Assistant Chief John Daly, an emergency condition exists so as to authorize the Fire Territory to make a special purchase and replace both the 2001 KME Pumper and a 2009 E-One fire apparatus.
2. The Fire Territory shall work with the Valparaiso Clerk-Treasurer and City Attorney during the acquisition process.
3. The effective date of this Resolution shall be **November 13, 2020**.
4. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the members of the Fire Territory Board by the Fire Chief.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.

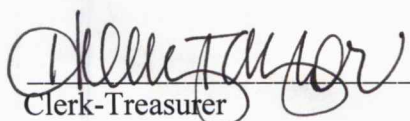
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November 10, 2020

Dear Attorney Lyp,

I am writing this letter to provide information on the fire department's 2001 KME and 2009 E-One fire apparatus. The 2009 E-One currently serves as a mainline apparatus. The 2001 KME serves as a backup apparatus. I have included invoices for some substantial repairs to both vehicles. The 2009 E-One fire engine had to have the motor rebuilt, and the 2001 KME has had electrical issues, which caused a small fire from the deteriorating wires from the battery to the engine.

We had previous motor issues with a 2010 E-One fire truck, almost precisely what the 2009 E-One has experienced. After talking to our mechanics, they advised that these motors started having problems when they switched to the new emission regulations.

The Valparaiso Fire Department has an apparatus replacement schedule that would remove a fire truck from mainline service and place that truck in a backup role after twelve years. Our mechanics advise that these trucks in reserve should last for another ten years.

We would appreciate the two trucks' emergency purchases as it usually takes nine to twelve months from the time we sign the contract until the delivery date. We may not take ownership of these trucks until January of 2022. Utilizing a bid process would most likely add another four months to the process.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Daly".

Assistant Chief Daly

